

# Though we, O Lord, no fields have ploughed

Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

Golden Sheaves  
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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with chords in the bass. A measure number '5' is placed above the fifth measure.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody continues in the treble clef. A measure number '10' is placed above the tenth measure.

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody continues in the treble clef. A measure number '15' is placed above the fifteenth measure.

Though we, O Lord, no fields have ploughed  
No golden corn have gathered  
Yet we have much to thank you for  
The prayers which you have answered.  
And so today we bring to you  
In token of your goodness  
Our hearts, our hopes, our skills, our lives  
To help fulfil your purpose.

A debt of gratitude we owe  
To those whose efforts feed us  
A further debt we also owe  
The hungry and the homeless  
The world you gave is capable  
Of feeding all the needy  
Yet millions thirst and hunger still  
To satisfy the greedy

Help us to be your fertile soil  
In which your teachings blossom  
Help us to show by what we do  
Your love and your compassion.  
Help us persuade the powerful  
To act in selfless fashion  
Help us befriend the poor and weak,  
Support them by our actions.

So, Lord, today, we give you thanks  
For all your many blessings  
And ask again that you will grant  
The strength to do your bidding  
So that, whene'er we end our days  
And face the final Harvest  
Each one may hear you say ?Well done  
Thou good and faithful servant?

Charles Henrywood

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