

Go out, my heart, and seek delight

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The first system of musical notation consists of five measures. It features a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note chord, followed by quarter notes and eighth notes. The bass clef accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines. There are accents over the first and fourth measures.

The second system of musical notation consists of five measures, starting with a measure number '6'. The notation continues with similar melodic and harmonic patterns as the first system, including accents over the first and fourth measures.

The third system of musical notation consists of five measures, starting with a measure number '11'. The notation concludes the piece with a final cadence in the treble clef and sustained chords in the bass clef.

Go out, my heart, and seek delight
in golden sunshine, summer bright;
rejoice in God's gifts daily.
See all of nature's bright display;
it clothes itself in fine array
for you and me so gaily
for you and me so gaily.

Lord, in your boundless love to us
you scatter joy and bounty thus
on us poor erring mortals.
What nobler glories will be given
hereafter in your shining heaven,
within the golden portals
within the golden portals!

What peerless joy when, on our sight,
Christ's garden beams with radiant light
and echoes with his praises;
when heaven's choir of seraphim
in one accordant voice and hymn
loud alleluias raises
loud alleluias raises!

O were I there! O that I now,
dear God, before your throne could bow
and bear my palms before you!
Then, like the angels, I would raise
a thousand anthems to your praise
and thankfully adore you
and thankfully adore you!

And yet, as long as I must bear
and body's yoke, I still will dare
to raise my voice in singing;
my homage nevermore shall end,
but here and everywhere ascend
to you, my praises bringing
to you, my praises bringing.

Now fill my soul with gifts of love,
with every blessing from above,
my life in you to nourish!
O may the sunshine of your grace
within my heart's each barren place
cause fruits of faith to flourish
cause fruits of faith to flourish!

For your good Spirit, Lord, make room
within my heart, that I may bloom-
a plant, that root has taken!
O let me in your garden be
an evergreen and fruitful tree
that ne'er will be forsaken
that ne'er will be forsaken!

Elect me then to paradise,
let soul and body, till I rise,
e'er thrive and wither never!
Thus, Lord, will I in you abide,
serve you alone - and none beside -
both here and there for ever
both here and there for ever!

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