

This is my Father's world

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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 two sharps (F# and C#). The melody in the treble clef begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a dotted quarter note C5. The bass clef accompaniment starts with a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2 and B2, then a dotted quarter note C3. A measure rest is indicated by a vertical line with a diagonal slash. A measure number '5' is placed above the treble staff at the beginning of the fifth measure.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features two staves with the same key signature. The melody in the treble clef includes quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, followed by a dotted quarter note G5. The bass clef accompaniment continues with quarter notes G2, A2, and B2, followed by a dotted quarter note C3. A measure rest is indicated. A measure number '10' is placed above the treble staff at the beginning of the tenth measure.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features two staves with the same key signature. The melody in the treble clef includes quarter notes G5, F5, and E5, followed by a dotted quarter note D5. The bass clef accompaniment continues with quarter notes G2, A2, and B2, followed by a dotted quarter note C3. A measure rest is indicated. A measure number '15' is placed above the treble staff at the beginning of the fifteenth measure.

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.**

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