

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

for SATB and Organ

Matthias Claudius, 1782
tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1861

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$\text{♩} = 132$ SATB unis. *mf*

The musical score is written for SATB voices and organ. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 132. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The organ part starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and includes a pedal line. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics: "We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand: He". There are three systems of music. The first system covers measures 1-4, the second system covers measures 5-8, and the third system covers measures 9-12. A performance instruction at the end of the second system reads: "*Light solo combination, e.g., 8, 4, 13".

We

mp

Ped.

5

plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land, But

*Light solo combination, e.g., 8, 4, 13

9

it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand: He

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13

sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain, The

17

breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft, re - fresh - ing rain.

21

f

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove; Then

25

thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

29 *SA unis. mf*

He

mf

*

33

on - ly is the Mak - er of all things near and far; He

*Light solo as before

37 *TB unis. mf*

paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the_ eve - ning star; The

41 *SATB unis.*

winds and waves o - bey_ him, by him the birds are fed; Much

45

more to us, his chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.

SA unis.

49 *f*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove, Then

TB unis. f

mf

53

thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

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