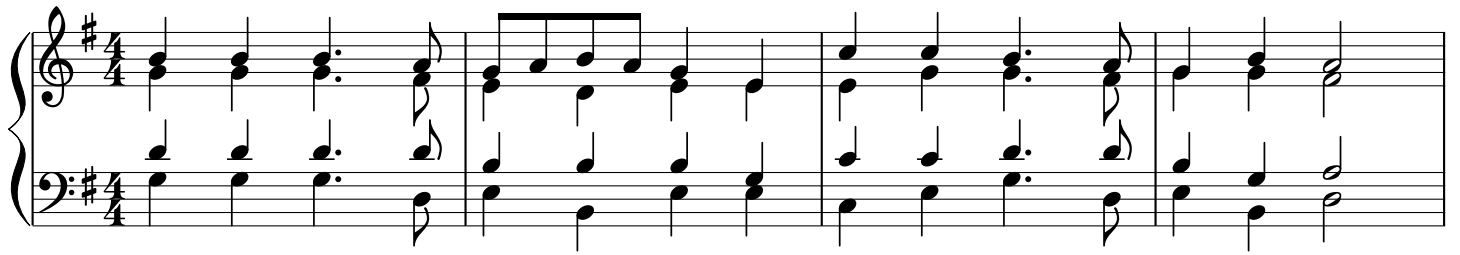
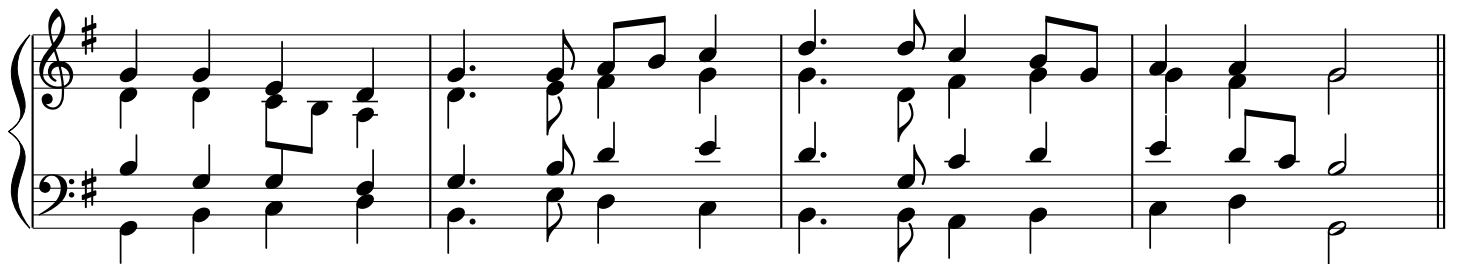


Sussex

Traditional English (adapted by Vaughan Williams), with descant by Anthony Mudge



The first system of the piano introduction, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The music features a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.



The second system of the piano introduction, continuing the two-staff arrangement. The texture remains consistent with the first system, providing a harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal entry.

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.



The vocal and piano accompaniment for the lyrics. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment with two staves (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are: "Be our strength in hours of weak - ness, In our wand' - rings". The piano accompaniment includes a descant on the vocal line, with a melodic flourish in the treble clef and a supporting bass line.

be our guide; Through en-dea-vour, fai-lure, dan-ger,

be our guide; Through en-dea-vour, fai-lure, dan-ger,

Fa-ther be thou at our side.

Fa-ther, be thou at our side.