

# All creatures worship God most high

Alt. title: All creatures of our God and King

Text: Saint Francis of Assisi, 1225;  
tr. William H. Draper, 1926; alt.  
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Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in German and English. The first system contains the main text, the second system contains the refrain 'al-le-lu-ia', and the third and fourth systems contain the concluding text and a final 'al-le-lu-ia'.

**System 1:** Chords: D, Bm, Asus A, D, Bm, Asus A. Lyrics: 1 \*All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high, lift up your voice in earth and sky, 2 Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a-long, 3 Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy God to hear, 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day, un-fold-est bless-ings on our way, 5 And ev-'ry-one, with ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your part, 6 And thou, most kind and gen-tle death, wait-ing to hush our fi-nal breath, 7 Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship God in hum-ble-ness,

**System 2:** Chords: D, G, D, E, A. Lyrics: al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**System 3:** Chords: D, Asus A, D, G, D. Lyrics: 1 Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, 2 Thou ris-ing morn in praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning find a voice, 3 Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, that giv-est all both warmth and light, 4 The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glo-ry al-so show, 5 Ye who long pain and sor-row bear, sing praise and cast on God your care, 6 Thou lead-est home the child of God, as Christ be-fore that way hath trod, 7 To God all thanks and praise be-long! Join in the ev-er-last-ing song:

**System 4:** Chords: G, A, D, Em, A, Bm, E, A, Bm, Em, A, Em, Asus A7, D. Lyrics: O sing ye, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

\*Or, "All creatures of our God and King, / lift up your voice and with us sing"