

What a friend we have in Jesus

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1855, alt.

Music: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth line. Chords are indicated by letters (F, Bb, C, C7) above the staff. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting on the first line and the second column starting on the second line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, 'cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged - take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness - take it to the Lord in prayer!
Je - sus' arms will take and shield thee - thou wilt find a sol - ace there.