

The Loving Spirit Beckons

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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics for the first system are: '1. The lov - ing Spi - rit beck - ons in - to her time - ly space. She' and '2. The peace - ful Spi - rit shows us that jus - tice is our goal. With'. The lyrics for the second system are: 'calls to - mor - row's bless - ing with - in that ho - ly place. With' and 'mer - cy and com - pas - sion our lives are ev - er whole. She'. The lyrics for the third system are: 'en - er - gy and won - der we bold - ly live each day, The' and 'helps us stand and with cour - age a - gainst war's blood - y day, Where'. The lyrics for the fourth system are: 'lov - ing spir - it and calls us to find the no - bler way.' and 'greed and fear and em - pire all cloud the ho - ly way.'.

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3.
The playful Spirit leads us into a realm of joy.
She dances with creation in every girl and boy.
And as they grow with beauty and full humanity,
We pray each of our children becomes alive and free.

4.
The giving Spirit tells us that we are born to share;
To live each day in kindness, make sure all life is fair.
She stirs in us discomfort against unneeded wealth;
That none are starved and hungry; we need our work
and health.

5.
The living Spirit thrills us and causes us to sing.
Let all that now unites us be shown in everything.
She brings our minds to wisdom, makes known the life, the way
That leads through love and justice unto the peace-filled day.