

A Blessing Hymn for Australia*

Andante ♩ = 74

Music: Thaxted. Gustav Holst

Text : Michael Herry fms

B \flat E \flat F 7 /C B \flat /D B \flat E \flat ma 7 E \flat 6 B \flat B \flat

Vs. 1. An - cient
Vs. 2. Ho - ly
Vs. 3. Ho - ly

Organ

E \flat F 7 /C B \flat /D E \flat F Gm Dm/F

land of wide and sun-burnt plains, where feet have long since trod, you have
Spi - rit, gift of love di - vine, with you we dare to dream, and to
Spi - rit, breathe your life in us, your truth to guide our way. Now with

* An adaptation of this hymn was previously published as the Jubilee Hymn to the Holy Spirit. This new edition remains faithful to the original Thaxted rhythm and harmonization.

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E^b F⁷/C B^b/D B^b E^b E^b6 B^b B^b/D

known the stor - ies of our search to find the face of God. God, you
walk in just - ice all our days, this land of gold and green. From all
o - pen hearts we hear your call to fol - low you each day. Bring us

F Gm F/A B^b/D F B^b E^b Cm

ho - vered ov - er dark - ness when the void was sil - ent still; then your
nat - ions we have gath - ered; lead us on in un - i - ty. In this
all as one to - geth - er, un - der south - ern stars a - bove, so the

Gm E^b B^b/D B^b E^b Gm/B^b F/A F⁶

voice rang out in splen - dour; cre - a - tion knew your will, and your
vast and rug - ged home - land, may You our cen - tre be. May our
Cross will lead us on - ward, Great South-land of your love. Give us

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E^b F⁷/C B^b/D E^b F Gm B^b/F

eyes in love be - held in light our land of sweep - ing plains. Now our
 lives show forth your ten - der love, com - pass - ion, strong and bold. Help us
 joy - ful hearts in days to come, all fear and dark cast out. Help us

E^b F⁷/C B^b/D B^b E^b E^b6 B^b

voi - ces too, re - join a - gain cre - a - tion's song of praise.
 bring Good News to all the world, Your grac - ious love un - fold.
 build in Christ a world re - born in jus - tice and in love.