

Intro: piano from bar 1, joined by violin bars 5-8

v1: violin tune (8va?)

v2: violin alto (8va?)

v3: violin tacet

v4: violin descant

Lord for the years

Piano and violin
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The musical score is written for piano and violin. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a treble staff for the violin (v1) and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano. The second system continues the music, with a measure number '6' at the start of the violin staff. The third system concludes the piece, with a measure number '11' at the start of the violin staff. The music is in common time (C) and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). The violin part is melodic, while the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

1. Lord for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word,
receive your people's praise.

3. Lord, for our world;
when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

4. Lord, for ourselves,
in living power remake us;
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us,
for the future take us,
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alone.