

130. We plough the fields, and scatter



Concert key: A ^b major
Chords key: A ^b major (concert)
Structure: 3 verses and a chorus

Verse 1:

A^b D^b E^b
We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
E^b Fm⁷ B^{b7} E^b
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
E^b E^{b7} A^b E^b
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
A^b Fm⁷ B^{b7} E^b A^b
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Chorus:

A^b E^b A^b E^b
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
A^b C⁷ Fm⁷ B^{b7} E^{b7} A^b
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

Verse 2:

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

Verse 3:

We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and, what you most desire, our humble, thankful hearts.

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)
translated by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878) (alt.)