

THE SOWER

Text: William Cowper, 1779 (Public Domain)

Music: Benjamin Shute, 2011

Alternate version in common time (after the original in 3/8)
for facilitated congregational use

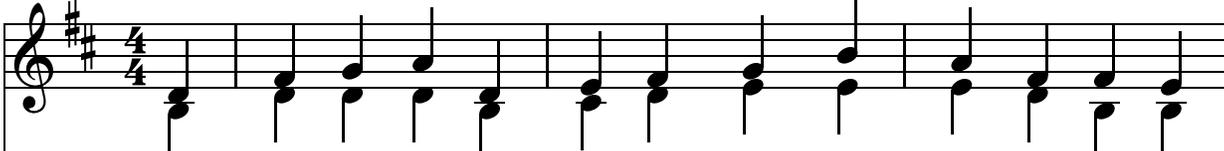
The Sower

(alternate setting)

William Cowper

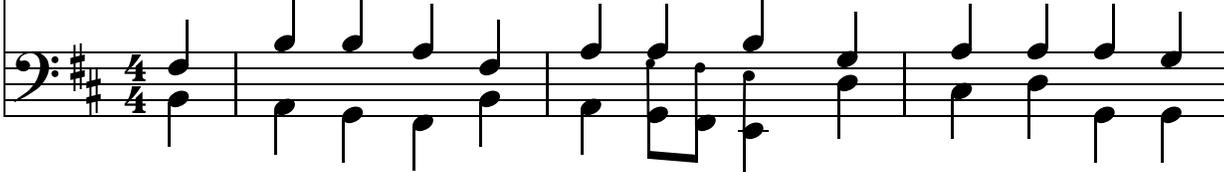
Benjamin Shute

Soprano, Alto



1. Ye sons of Earth pre - pare the plough, Break up your fal - low
2. The thor - ny ground is sure to balk All hopes of har - vest
3. But where the Lord of grace and pow'r Has blessed the hap - py

Tenor, Bass



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S, A



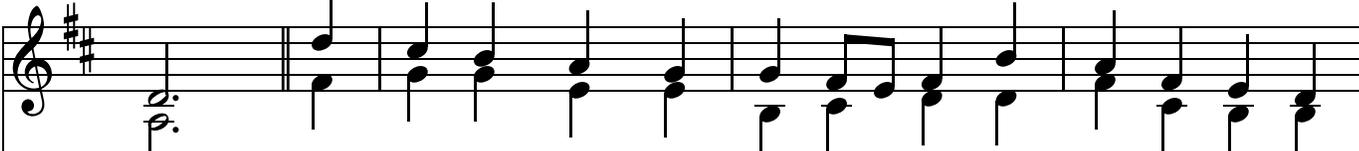
ground; The Sow - er is gone forth to sow, And scat - ter bles - sings
there; We find a tall and sick - ly stalk, But not the fruit - ful
field; How plen - teous is the gol - den store The deep - wrought fur - rows

T, B



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S, A



round. The seed that finds a sto - ny soil Shoots forth a has - ty
ear. The beat - en path and high - way side Re - ceive the trust in
yield! Fa - ther of mer - cies we have need Of thy pre - par - ing

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