



God Must Delight As Trees Leaf Out



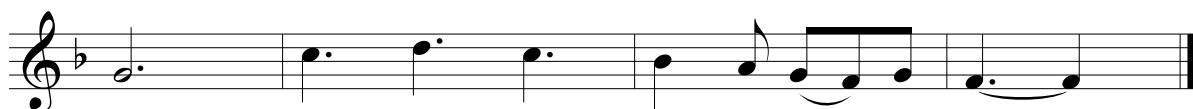
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mag - in - ing: Cre - a - tion's Art - ist pleased a - bout Life's
en - er - gy toward an - gling leaves to tilts just right and
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col - or - rich re - bur - geon - ing, and how curled hands of ba - by
fill - ing space in can - o - pies. They'll start new stems where there were
give - ness, worth, re - la - tion - ship... So, like new leaves, we lean now,



leaves un - roll, grow, o - pen to re - ceive.
none to catch each, ev' - ry beam of sun.
too, drawn to catch e - ven more of you.

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Tune is SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

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(This is shown in the key of F, which is common in hymnals.)

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It's easy for imagining:
Creation's Artist pleased about
Life's color-rich reburgeoning,
and how curled hands of baby leaves
roll out, grow, open to receive.

It shows how much those leaves want light
that plants devote some energy
toward angling leaves to tilts just right,
and filling space in canopies.
They'll start new stems where there were none
to catch each, ev'ry beam of sun.

God, you do nourish plants and buds.
We see them lean toward light you give.
Besides the light, though, there's for us
forgiveness, worth, relationship....
So like new leaves, we'd lean now, too,
drawn to catch even more of you.

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