Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now living a song of thanking
2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,

G D G Am D

to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;

G D G Am D

who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,

G D G

by guiding us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

G Em D A7 D

a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle Benedictus, omnia opera Domini (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).
CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

G D G Am D

till shadows have vanished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished,
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thank-s-giv-ing:
G C G D G

as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
to God in the high-est, hos-an-na and praise!

To Bless the Earth
(Psalm 65)

1 To bless the earth God sends us from

2 The seed by God pro-vi-ded is

3 God crowns the year with good-ness; the

4 With grain the fields are cov-ered; the

heaven's a-bun-dant store the wa-ters of the
sown o'er hill and plain, and then come gen-tle
earth God's mer-cy fills; the wil-der-ness is
flocks in pas-tures graze; all na-ture joins in

spring-time, en-rich-ing it once more.
show-ers to bless the spring-ing grain.
fruit-ful, and joyful are the hills.

sing-ing a joy-ful song of praise.

These four stanzas present a paraphrase of Psalm 65:9–13, a celebration of God's providential care, which in turn draws forth a song of praise from all creation. This text is set to an early 17th-century tune composed for an affirmative chorale text often used at funerals.

TEXT: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909, alt.
MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius, 1609

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN
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