

Taking Shape

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Andante ♩ = 96

Chords: Eb Fm7 Eb Ab Fm7 Bb7 Eb Ab

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, marked Andante with a tempo of 96. It features a piano accompaniment with a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab).

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Chords: Fm7 rit. Bb7 accel. Eb Fm7 Eb Ab

Tak-ing shape in your cre - a - tion, Lov ing

The second system of music continues the piano accompaniment. It includes a first ending bracket and a repeat sign. The tempo markings 'rit.' and 'accel.' are present. The lyrics 'Tak-ing shape in your cre - a - tion, Lov ing' are written below the treble clef staff.

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Chords: Eb Ab Eb Eb7 Ab Abm

God, your beauty shines, In the waves that sweep the shore, the

The third system of music continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics 'God, your beauty shines, In the waves that sweep the shore, the' are written below the treble clef staff.

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Chords: Eb Cm Fm7 G7

mount-ains soar-ing high, The crea-tures of the earth, the

Sva -----

The fourth system of music continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics 'mount-ains soar-ing high, The crea-tures of the earth, the' are written below the treble clef staff. The system ends with a fermata and the instruction 'Sva' followed by a dashed line.

14 Cm Cm7 Cm6 Fm6 G

col-ours of the sky— So frag-ile in their power, ex-

(*8va*)

16 Cm Fm Bb Gm Cm

ploit-ed. And yet you live. Help us

(*8va*)

19 Fm Bb Eb Cm Fm7 BbsusBb

take the shape of ho-ly beau-ty: Our

8va

22 Eb 1,2 Ab Fm7 Bb Eb rit. 3

love. Ta-king love.

TAKING SHAPE

Taking shape in your creation,
Loving God, your beauty shines,
In the waves that sweep the shore, the mountains soaring high,
The creatures of the earth, the colours of the sky,
So fragile in their power — exploited.
And yet you live.
Help us take the shape of holy beauty:
Our future's in your love.

Taking shape as human person,
Saving God, you show the way.
In his body grace and truth, compassion setting free,
Incarnate Word of God, he opens eyes to see,
Though evil, so it seems, destroys him.
And yet you live.
Help us follow Jesus into freedom:
Our future's in your love.

Taking shape through gentle Spirit,
Risen God, we need your power.
Make our worship come alive, give strength when we are tired,
In every part of life, our word and deed inspired,
In unity — Oh God, we fail you.
And yet you live.
Help us be transformed into your likeness:
Our future's in your love.

Descant

This descant can be sung alongside the melody during the last three lines of each verse, using the same words each time. The first line of the descant is the same as the third-last line of the melody.

