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# Lord of the harvest, Thee we hail (I)

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The musical score is written for piano in 4/2 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of '88. 88. 88' above the treble clef and a dynamic marking of '88' below the bass clef. The second system continues the piece. The music is primarily homophonic, featuring chords and simple melodic lines in both hands.

1 Lord of the harvest, Thee we hail!  
Thine ancient promise doth not fail;  
The varying seasons haste their round;  
With goodness all our years are crowned;  
Our thanks we pay,  
This holy day,  
Oh, let our hearts in tune be found.

2 When spring doth wake the sound of mirth,  
When summer warms the fruitful earth,  
When autumn yields its ripened grain,  
Or winter sweeps the naked plain,  
We still do sing  
To Thee our King;  
Through all their changes Thou dost reign.

3 But chiefly when Thy liberal hand  
Bestows new plenty o'er the land,  
When sounds of music fill the air,  
As homeward all their treasures bear;  
We too will raise  
Our hymn of praise,  
For we Thy common bounties share.

4 Lord of harvest, all is Thine:  
The rains that fall, the suns that shine,  
The seed once hidden in the ground,  
The skill that makes our fruits abound:  
New every year,  
Thy gifts appear;  
New praises from our lips shall sound.