

327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre-a-tor's praise a-
 2 In ev-ery land be-gin the song; to ev-ery land the strains be-
 3 E-ter-nal are thy mer-cies, Lord; e-ter-nal truth at-tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: long: word: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Let the Re-deem-er's In cheer-ful sound all Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev-ery land, in ev-ery tongue.
 voic-es raise and fill the world with joy-ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for a unison vocal part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line is on a treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" are repeated twice. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and a melodic line in the right hand.

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.