

# The Gift of Our Friends

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Keyboard accompaniment by Janet Vogt

INTRO *Joyfully, proudly* (♩ = ca. 100)

Keyboard

The introductory section is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four measures. The first measure has a treble clef with a quarter note G4 and a bass clef with a quarter note G2. The second measure has a treble clef with a quarter note A4 and a bass clef with a quarter note G2. The third measure has a treble clef with a quarter note B4 and a bass clef with a quarter note G2. The fourth measure has a treble clef with a quarter note C5 and a bass clef with a quarter note G2. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, D/C#, G/B, A7, D, Em, Em/D, Em/C#, Em/B.

## REFRAIN

The first system of the refrain features a vocal line and keyboard accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a rest for two measures, then sings "We are blest by the Lord with the gift of our friends. We are". The keyboard accompaniment provides harmonic support. Chords indicated above the staff are A7sus4, A, D, Em/D, and D.

The second system of the refrain continues the vocal line and keyboard accompaniment. The vocal line sings "blest by the Lord with the gift of our life. Let us walk hand in hand in". The keyboard accompaniment continues. Chords indicated above the staff are D, Em, A, D, F#m, and Bm7.

The third system of the refrain concludes the vocal line and keyboard accompaniment. The vocal line sings "friend - ship and peace in the light of the Lord Je - sus Christ." The keyboard accompaniment concludes. Chords indicated above the staff are G, D, Bm, G, A, and D. The instruction "rit. last time" is written above the final measure of the vocal line and below the final measure of the keyboard accompaniment.

VERSES

Em Em/D D D/C# Em7 A7 D Bm

1. We give thanks for friends who love us, who know our sor-rows and our pain;  
 2. We give thanks for friends who hold us, who wipe our tear-drops when we cry;  
 3. We give thanks for friends who help us, who in their need let us help, too;

Em Em/D D D/C# Em Em/D Em/C# Em/B A7sus4 A7 *D.S.*

1. friends who bring us smiles and laugh-ter like sun - shine af - ter the rain. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. friends who teach us, friends who guide us and give us free - dom to fly. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. friends who praise us and for - give us, for they are friends that are true. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.S.*

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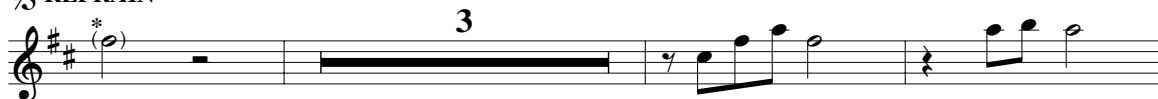
SOLO INSTRUMENT

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REFRAIN



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\*Tacet note first time.

\*\*Play whole note final time.

## Composer Notes

### The Gift of Our Friends

Grade school children are making friendships that may last a lifetime. It is important that children have opportunities to celebrate with their friends in the context of God's love and in the light of Jesus who gave his life for his friends. This song is appropriate for beginning a new school year or for eighth grade graduation, or even for a prayer service on Valentine's Day, the liturgical calendar notwithstanding!

# Assembly Edition

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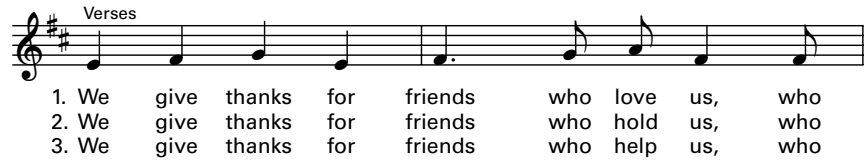
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Refrain

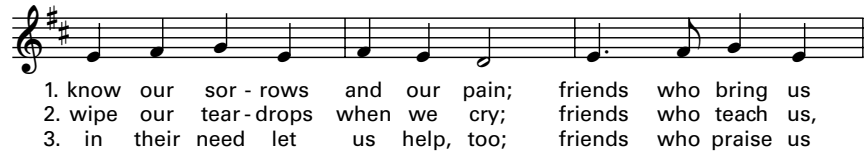


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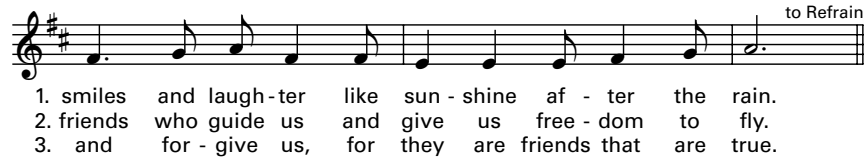
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2. wipe our tear-drops when we cry; friends who teach us,  
3. in their need let us help, too; friends who praise us



1. smiles and laugh-ter like sun-shine af-ter the rain.  
2. friends who guide us and give us free-dom to fly.  
3. and for-give us, for they are friends that are true.

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