

# Now Is the Time Approaching

A musical score for three staves, numbered 1, 2, and 3 from top to bottom. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '4'). The tempo is 126 BPM.

**Staff 1:** Measures 1-3. Chords: A, A, D, A, E, A. Lyrics (1st line): "Now is the time ap - proach - ing, by proph - ets long fore -".  
Lyrics (2nd line): "Let all that now di - vides us re - move and pass a -".  
Lyrics (3rd line): "O long - ex - pect - ed dawn - ing, come with your cheer - ing".

**Staff 2:** Measures 4-6. Chords: E, A, D, A, E. Lyrics (1st line): "- told, when all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i -".  
Lyrics (2nd line): "- way, like mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of".  
Lyrics (3rd line): "ray! Yet shall the prom - ise beck - on and lead us not a -".

**Staff 3:** Measures 7-9. Chords: A, E, E, A, E, A, D, A, D, Bm. Lyrics (1st line): "-fold. Let war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult".  
Lyrics (2nd line): "day. Let all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing".  
Lyrics (3rd line): "stray, O sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers".

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*Now Is the Time Approaching - 2*

12      A/E E            A            D            A            A/E E7    A

cease, all earth a bless - ed gar - den and God the god of peace.  
prove, a clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless-ed lands of love.  
on to pray, and hope, and la - bor, till all our work is done.

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$\text{♩} = 126$    A b   A b                      D b                      A b                      E b   A b   E b

1. Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5              A b                      D b                      A b                      E b   A b   E b

all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let  
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let  
shall the prom - ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O

9              E b                      A b   E b   A b                      D b   A b   D b   B b m A b / E b E b

war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all  
all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a  
sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on to

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13      A b                    D b                    A b                    A b / E b E b 7 A b

earth a bless-ed gar-den and God the god of peace.  
clos-er bond of un-ion, in bless-ed lands of love.  
pray, and hope, and la-bor, till all our work is done.

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J = 126 G G C G D G D

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time (indicated by a '4'). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a G note, followed by a G note with a dot, then a C note, then a G note with a dot, then a D note, then a G note with a dot, then a D note. The bass staff provides harmonic support with sustained notes.

1. Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di - vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

The musical notation continues with two staves. The top staff shows a continuation of the melody with a G note, then a C note, then a G note, then a D note, then a G note, then a D note. The bass staff shows sustained notes corresponding to the chords G, C, G, D, G, D.

5 G C G D G D D G D

The musical notation continues with two staves. The top staff shows a G note, then a C note, then a G note, then a D note, then a G note, then a D note. The bass staff shows sustained notes corresponding to the chords G, C, G, D, G, D.

all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let war be learned no  
mists of ear - ly morn-ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let all that now u -  
shall the prom - ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O sweet an - tic - i -

The musical notation continues with two staves. The top staff shows a G note, then a C note, then a G note, then a D note, then a G note, then a D note. The bass staff shows sustained notes corresponding to the chords G, C, G, D, G, D.

10 G C G C Am G/D D G C

The musical notation continues with two staves. The top staff shows a G note, then a C note, then a G note, then a C note, then an Am chord, then a G/D chord. The bass staff shows sustained notes corresponding to the chords G, C, G, C, Am, G/D.

long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all earth a bless - ed gar-den and  
- nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a clos - er bond of un-ion, in  
- pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on to pray, and hope, and la - bor, till

The musical notation continues with two staves. The top staff shows a G note, then a C note, then a G note, then a D note, then a G note, then a D note. The bass staff shows sustained notes corresponding to the chords G, C, G, D, G, D.

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15                    G                    G / D                    D7                    G

God  
bless  
all      -      the  
ed  
our      god  
lands  
work      of  
of  
is      peace.  
love.  
done.

# Now Is the Time Approaching

$\text{♩} = 126$    G b   G b                    C b                    G b                    D b   G b   D b

1. Now is the time approach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5                    G b                    C b                    G b                    D b   G b   D b

all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let  
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let  
shall the prom-ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O

9                    D b                    G b   D b   G b                    C b   G b   C b   A b m G b / D b D b

war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all  
that now u-nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a  
sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on to

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13                    G b                    C b                    G b                    G b / D b D b 7 G b

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the voice, starting with a dotted half note followed by a series of eighth notes. Above the staff, the vocal line is labeled with harmonic symbols: G b, C b, G b, and G b / D b D b 7 G b. The bottom staff is for the piano, showing eighth-note chords throughout the measure.

earth a bless - ed gar - den and God the god of peace.  
clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.  
pray, and hope, and la - bor, till all our work is done.

The musical score continues from the previous page. The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords.

# Now Is the Time Approaching

$\text{♩} = 126$  F# F# B F# C# F# C#

1. Now is the time approach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pected dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5 all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let  
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let  
shall the prom-ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O

9 war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all  
all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a  
sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch-ers on to

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# Now Is the Time Approaching

$\text{♩} = 126$  F F B♭ F C F C

1. Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di - vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5 F B♭ F C F C F C

all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let war be learned no  
mists of ear - ly morn-ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let all that now u -  
shall the prom - ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O sweet an - tic - i -

10 F B♭ F B♭ Gm F/C C F B♭

long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all earth a bless - ed gar-den and  
- nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a clos - er bond of un-ion, in  
- pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on to pray, and hope, and la - bor, till

11 F B♭ F B♭ Gm F/C C F B♭

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15 F F/C C7 F

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves are in common time and key signature of one flat. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The first measure starts with a half note in F major. The second measure begins with a half note in F major followed by a half note in C major. The third measure starts with a half note in C7. The fourth measure starts with a half note in F major. The lyrics are written below the notes:

God bless all the ed our god lands work of of is peace. love. done.

# Now Is the Time Approaching

$\text{♩} = 126$    E   E                    A                    E                    B   E   B

1. Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5 all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let  
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let  
shall the prom-ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O

9 war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all  
all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a  
sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch-ers on to

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13                    E                    A                    E                    E/B B7            E

earth a bless - ed gar - den and God the god of peace.  
clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.  
pray, and hope, and la - bor, till all our work is done.

# Now Is the Time Approaching

$\text{♩} = 126$    E♭   E♭   A♭   E♭   B♭   E♭   B♭

1. Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5   E♭   A♭   E♭   B♭   E♭   B♭

all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let  
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let  
shall the prom-ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O

9   B♭   E♭   B♭   E♭   A♭   E♭   A♭   Fm   E♭ / B♭ B♭

war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all  
all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing prove,  
sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch-ers on a to

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13

E b

A b

E b

E b / B b B b 7 E b

earth a bless - ed gar - den and God the god of peace.  
clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.  
pray, and hope, and la - bor, till all our work is done.

# Now Is the Time Approaching

$\text{♩} = 126$  D D G D A D A

1. Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di - vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5 D G D A D A A D A

all shall dwell to-gether, se-ure and man - i - fold. Let war be learned no mists of ear - ly morn-ing be-fore the blaze of day. Let all that now u- shall the prom-ise beck-onand lead us not a-stray, O sweet an - tic - i-

10 D G D G Em D/A A D

long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all earth a bless - ed  
-nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a clos - er bond of  
-pa - tion! It cheers the watch-ers on to pray, and hope, and

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14 G D D / A A7 D

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one sharp. The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:

gar - den and God - the god of peace.  
un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.  
la - bor, till all our work is done.

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13 D b G b D b D b / A b A b 7 D b

A musical score for two voices. The top voice (Soprano) starts with a half note (D-flat), followed by quarter notes (G-flat, D-flat, D-flat). The bottom voice (Bass) starts with a half note (D-flat), followed by quarter notes (G-flat, D-flat, D-flat). The soprano continues with eighth notes (D-flat, A-flat, D-flat, G-flat, D-flat, A-flat, D-flat, G-flat). The bass continues with eighth notes (D-flat, G-flat, D-flat, G-flat, D-flat, G-flat, D-flat, G-flat). The soprano then sings the lyrics: "earth a bless-ed gar-den and God the god of peace. clos-er bond of un-ion, in bless-ed lands of love. pray, and hope, and la-bor, till all our work is done." The bass continues with eighth notes (D-flat, G-flat, D-flat, G-flat, D-flat, G-flat, D-flat, G-flat).

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A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in 4/4 time, key of G major (4 sharps). The tempo is 126 BPM. The score consists of three staves of music with corresponding lyrics.

**1. Stave (Soprano):**

♩ = 126   C♯   C♯   F♯   C♯   G♯   C♯   G♯

1. Now is the time approach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pected dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

**2. Stave (Alto):**

5   C♯   F♯   C♯   G♯   C♯   G♯

all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let  
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let  
shall the prom-ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O

**3. Stave (Bass):**

9   G♯   C♯   G♯   C♯   F♯   C♯   F♯   D♯m C♯ / G♯ G♯

war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all  
all that now u-nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a  
sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch-ers on to

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Musical score for "Now Is the Time" in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:
   
 1. Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when
   
 2. Let all that now di - vides us re - move and pass a - way, like
   
 3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5 C F C G C G G C G  
 all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let war be learned no  
 mists of ear - ly morn-ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let all that now u -  
 shall the prom-ise beck-on and lead us not a - stray, O sweet an - tic - i -

10 C F C F Dm C/G G C F  
 long - er, let strife and tu - multcease, all earth a bless - ed gar-den and  
 -nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a clos - er bond of un - ion, in  
 -pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on to pray, and hope, and la - bor, till

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15 C C/G G7 C

God bless all - the ed our god lands work of of is done. peace. love.

# Now Is the Time Approaching

J = 126    C b   C b                      F b                      C b                      G b   C b   G b

1. Now is the time approach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when  
2. Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a - way, like  
3. O long-ex - pected dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

5              C b                      F b                      C b                      G b   C b   G b

all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let  
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let  
shall the prom-ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O

9              G b                      C b   G b C b                      F b   C b   F b   D b m C b / G b G b

war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all  
all that now u-nites us more sweet and last - ing prove,  
sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on to

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*Now Is the Time Approaching - 2*

13

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time and key signature of C minor (three flats). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first measure starts with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The second measure starts with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The third measure starts with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The fourth measure starts with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The fifth measure starts with a half note followed by a dotted half note.

C b F b C b C b / G b G b 7 C b

earth a bless - ed gar - den and God the god of peace.  
clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.  
pray, and hope, and la - bor, till all our work is done.

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A musical score for 'Now Is the Time Approaching' featuring three staves of music and lyrics.

**Staff 1:** Treble clef, key signature of four sharps (B, B, E, B, F#, B, F#). Time signature 4/4. Measures 1-4. Chords: B, B, E, B, F#, B, F#. Lyrics (measures 1-4):

1. Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph - ets long fore - told, when
2. Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a - way, like
3. O long-ex - pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer - ing ray! Yet

**Staff 2:** Bass clef, key signature of four sharps (B, B, E, B, F#, B, F#). Measures 5-8. Chords: B, B, E, B, F#, B, F#. Lyrics (measures 5-8):

all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let  
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let  
shall the prom - ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray, O

**Staff 3:** Treble clef, key signature of four sharps (F#, B, F#, B, E, B, C#m B/F# F#). Measures 9-12. Chords: F#, B, F#, B, E, B, E, C#m B/F# F#. Lyrics (measures 9-12):

war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease, all  
all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing prove, a  
sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on to

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13                    B                    E                    B                    B / F♯ F♯7      B

earth a bless-ed gar-den and God the god of peace.  
clos-er bond of un-ion, in bless-ed lands of love.  
pray, and hope, and la-bor, till all our work is done.

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