

In the mercy of God

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The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a simple, flowing line of notes. The bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the bass clef.

1. In the mercy of God may we rest (x2)
In the mercy of God (x3) may we rest.
2. In the mercy of God let us sleep (x2)
In the mercy of God (x3) let us sleep.
3. In the mercy of God we find peace (x2)
In the mercy of God (x3) we find peace.

This simple chant may be used:

- by an individual at the point of exhaustion, as a prayer for sleep.
(May I rest/ Let me sleep/ I find peace)
- as a blessing, to be sung over someone troubled or disturbed.
(May you rest/ Go to sleep/ Hold your peace)
- at the conclusion of night prayers, sung by all.
(May we rest/ Let us sleep/ We find peace)
- at a funeral or memorial service.
(May (s)he rest/ Let her(him) sleep/ Rest in peace)