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For Such a Time As This

for SATB and keyboard with opt. congregation and brass quintet*

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Flowing, not too slow

Keyboard

mf

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*Full score and brass parts are available on the Internet at www.augsburgfortress.org.

13 **13** *Stanza 1: Unison choir*
Stanza 2: Women + cong. women

1 For such a time as this, For times of drought and
 2 In won - der plant - ed deep, In mar - vel at cre -

shal - low - ness, Of wild and dust - y wil - der - ness,
 a - tion's play, At star - lit night and sun - lit day,

Plant us deep in won - der, God, Hum - ble in your
 Root us well in grat - i - tude, Awe - struck by be -

ho - ly world. at - i - tude.

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Soprano *mp*
 3 By thank - ful won - der fed, Like oak trees reach - ing

Alto *mp*
 3 By thank - ful won - der fed, Like oak trees reach - ing

Tenor *mp*
 3 By thank - ful won - der fed, Like oak trees reach - ing

Bass *mp*
 3 By thank - ful won - der Like oak trees reach - ing

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rehearsal only

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high and broad, And root - ed fast in you, O God, _____

high and broad, And root - ed in you, _____ O God, _____

high and broad, And root - ed in you, _____ O God, _____

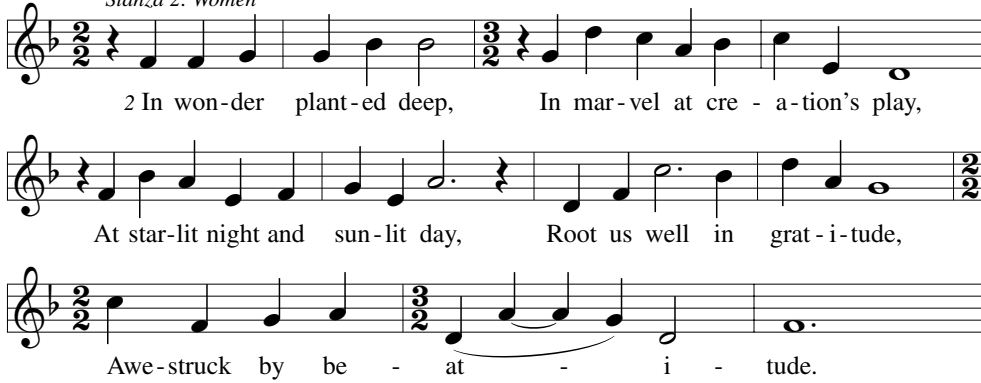
high and broad, And root - ed fast in you, O God, _____

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Choir

1 For such a time as this,
For times of drought and shallowness,
Of wild and dusty wilderness,
Plant us deep in wonder, God,
Humble in your holy world.

Stanza 2: Women



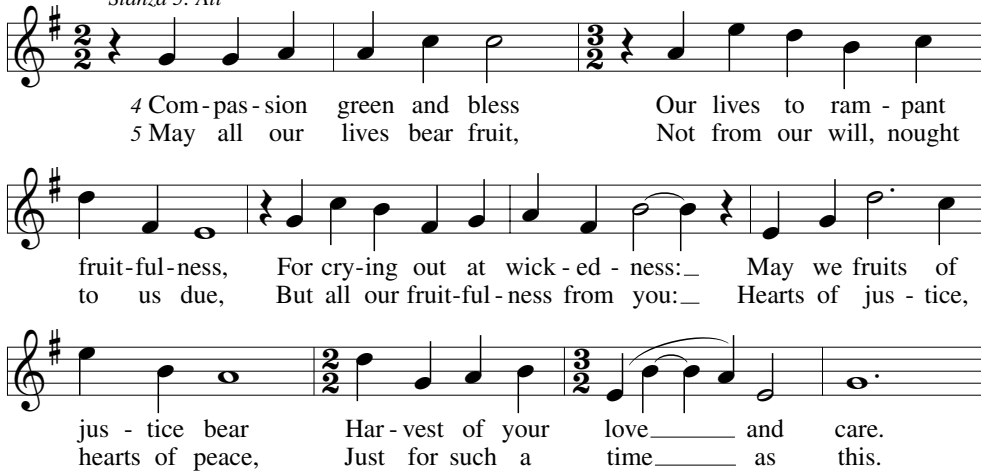
2 In won-der plant-ed deep, In mar-vel at cre - a-tion's play,
At star-lit night and sun-lit day, Root us well in grat-i-tude,
Awe-struck by be - at - i - tude.

Choir

3 By thankful wonder fed,
Like oak trees reaching high and broad,
And rooted fast in you, O God,
Grow us in compassion full,
Christ, firstfruit of us all.

Stanza 4: Men

Stanza 5: All



4 Com-pas-sion green and bless Our lives to ram - pant
5 May all our lives bear fruit, Not from our will, nought
fruit-ful-ness, For cry-ing out at wick-ed - ness: May we fruits of
to us due, But all our fruit-ful-ness from you: Hearts of jus - tice,
jus - tice bear Har - vest of your love and care.
hearts of peace, Just for such a time as this.

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