

LIFE IS GOOD, FOR GOD CONTRIVES IT
Trefaenan 8.7.8.7.8.8.8.7.

Words by:
Percy
Dearmer 1867-1936

Tune: Welsh
Traditional
Melody



Our Time Capsule has been cruising at low altitude through the 1800's in England and changes are happening right before our eyes!

No wonder Percy Dearmer wrote: "Life is Good for God contrives it,
Deep on deep its wonder lies!"

Some of the deep wonders of God's universe we see being discovered during our flight:

- Jenner's smallpox vaccination!
- Pasteur's finding out about germs and bacteria!
- Chloroform being invented!
- Dalton's theory that all matter is made of atoms!

Look! The peaceful little English villages are changing into noisy, crowded towns with factories to hold the new power machines. We see problems at first: dirty living and working conditions, 12-14 hour work days, low pay, and Karl Marx starting his ideas about communism...but by continuing our journey, we see that "Failure cuts the way to triumph" and workers in the United States and England have the highest wages and standard of living – and more free time – than in any other part of the world, including Marx's Russia! What the world really needs today is an invention to teach the Russian people the meaning of Mr. Dearmer's words: "All mankind is nobled through Thee, All are brothers coming to Thee, Thine the power to guide and save."

Many more changes, including a World War, happen during Mr. Dearmer's 69 years in England; but he must have known that by God's good plans, all of life is good and that after every Winter, come the leaves of Spring again. Even: "Death is good for man survives it, Lives again in better guise!"

Which lines of the hymn tell about the events of Jesus' death? Circle all the lines of the hymn you find on this page!

Now, listen to the tune! Do the important hymn words fit the accented beats of the tune? Why is the joyful rhythm good for Easter?

How many times do you find these scale steps in the tune:



"Repetition" – (repeating identical patterns) or repeating patterns with only slight differences, such as, the dotted quarter note and eighth in the 3rd measure is an important technique in composing tune.

Why not pick out 4 scale steps and see how many different ways you can sing or play them without changing their order?



It's time for the return flight and *this time*, as I re-enter our TIME BAND, I'm going to be watching to see which of God's deep wonders are still being discovered by scientists and inventors!



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