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Scripture to consider:

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| Isaiah 11, Hab. 2:14 | Romans 12 | Colossians 3:12-17 |
| John 3:25-30 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 | Hebrews 12:1-2 |

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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 2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly
 3. May the peace of God, my Fa - ther,
 4. May the love of Je - sus fill me
 5. May I run the race be - fore me,
 6. May His beau - ty rest up - on me

live in me from day to day, by His love and
 in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may
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 strong and brave to face the foe, look - ing on - ly
 as I seek the lost to win, and may they for -

pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
 see I tri - umph on - ly through His pow'r.
 calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
 self a - bas - ing; this is vic - to - ry.
 un - to Je - sus as I on - ward go.
 get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly Him.

WORDS: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925
MUSIC: A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925

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