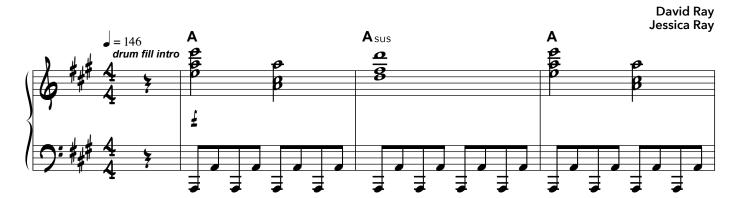
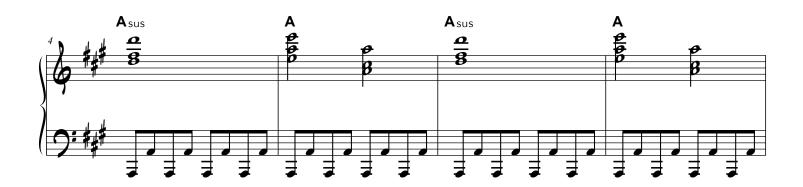
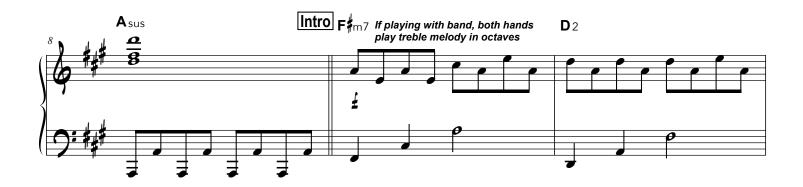
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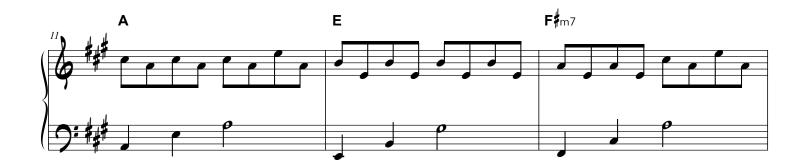
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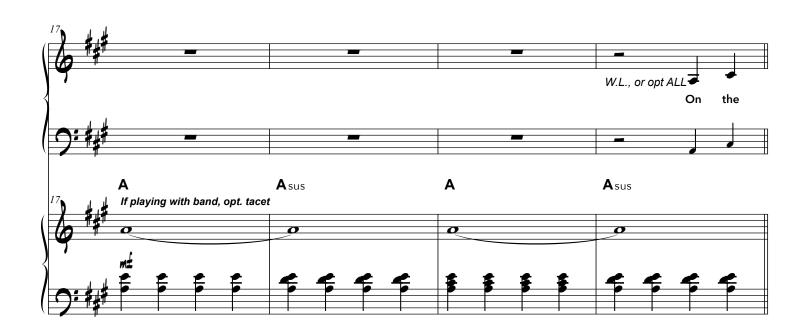


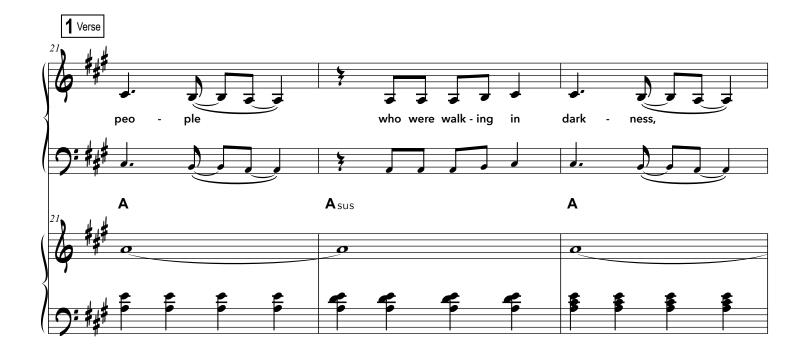




















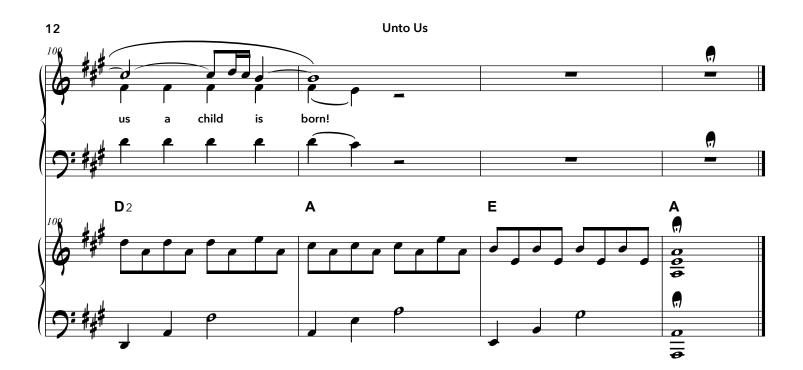


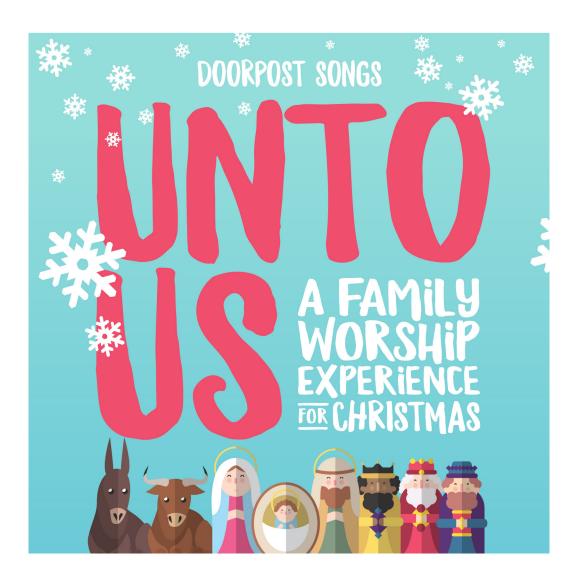
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UNTO US

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Vision and Purpose

The purpose of a Doorpost Songs Family Worship Experience is to have a lasting impact in the lives of families: kids, parents, grandparents, and guardians. God's design for discipleship is generational, both in the home and at church. Psalm 78:4 says, "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD." We hope to create a place for families to come together, share a worship experience, and see the power of God's Word in their lives.

You can use all of our suggestions or use your own. This is not a magic formula; it is simply a place to begin.

Prepare

<u>Participants</u>

- Greeters (Consider using kids or having families fill this role together.)
- Worship Leader
- Host
- Narrators (six)
- Scripture Readers (five)
- Child actors: Mary and Joseph
- Child actors: shepherds (four to six)
- Candlelighters (youth or adults to stand at the end of rows with lit candles; each candlelighter can cover several rows)

Supplies

- Computer graphics slides and videos
- One-minute countdown video (not included)
- Intro video (included)
- Lyric videos for each song (included)
- Nativity set, including manger and baby wrapped in cloth
- Costumes for Mary, Joseph, and shepherds
- Candles (You can purchase drip protectors or make your own.)

Before the Event

- Download the slides and videos and have them ready to use.
- Place two mics on stands near the worship leader for kid narrators.
- Prepare candles to be distributed.
- Place Nativity set.

Pre-Service

(As parents and kids are walking in, make sure you have the environment ready for them. Ensure **Greeters** are in place and play upbeat, familiar music. Display a video or slide of the event or ministry title.)

(At one minute until start time, play the COUNTDOWN VIDEO.)

Welcome

HOST: Welcome! We are glad you are here! This is a night for families. It is a night to celebrate Christmas as we sing, dance, laugh, and worship together. When we think of the story of Jesus' birth, most of us think of Luke 2, which says, "In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree." But that is just the beginning of the final chapter. The story truly begins hundreds of years before.

(Play the INTRO VIDEO. As video begins, band and worship leaders, including kids, get into place.)

SONG: "Unto Us" (Use the LYRIC VIDEO or a live band.)

SONG: "Ends of the Earth" (Use the LYRIC VIDEO or a live band.)

(As the song ends, **Narrators** get in place in front of mics.)

NARRATOR 1: We sang Isaiah 9:2: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

NARRATOR 2: Isaiah 9:6-7 says, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end."

NARRATOR 3: And Micah 5 says, "But you, Bethlehem ..., though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel."

NARRATOR 4: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God."

NARRATOR 5: "And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be our peace."

NARRATOR 6: Those verses in the Bible are just a few of the prophecies made about the birth of Jesus.

NARRATOR 1: A prophecy is a message God sends, telling His people what is coming. It is a promise. It is God's way of telling His people that He has a plan.

NARRATOR 2: God promised His people salvation. But when that prophecy was fulfilled, it came in a way no one expected.

NARRATOR 3: A baby. A baby was the answer to the prophecy. Small, helpless—some might even say ... ordinary.

NARRATOR 4: But this was no ordinary baby. Even His name—Jesus, "the Lord saves"—was a promise that God would save His people.

NARRATOR 5: Not just the people of Bethlehem or the people of Israel, but all people everywhere. This extraordinary promise reaches the ends of the earth.

NARRATOR 6: His light—just like the light of the star on that first Christmas night—shatters the darkness of sin and death in our lives. His light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

(Scripture from Micah 5:2,4-5)

SONG: "In the Beginning" (Use the LYRIC VIDEO or a live band.)

(During this section of narration, **Mary, Joseph**, and the **shepherds** enter and get into place on cue and pantomime as Scripture is read. NOTE: We have used the New International Version, but use the version that your church is most familiar with.)

READER 1: "In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)"

READER 2: (Joseph and Mary enter) "And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child."

READER 3: (Mary picks up Baby Jesus from the manger) "While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

READER 4: (group of **shepherds** on opposite side stage) "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified." (Consider shining a bright stage light on the shepherds to represent the angel.)

READER 5: "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

(**Mary**, **Joseph**, and the **shepherds** freeze, or sing from place.)

SONG: "Glory to God in the Highest" (Use the LYRIC VIDEO or a live band.)

(Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds continue to pantomime. Shepherds move quickly to the manger as soon as the song ends.)

READER I: "When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

READER 2: "So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child."

READER 3: "And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."

READER 4: "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

(Scripture from Luke 2:1-10,15-20)

(As intro to "Gloria (Angels We Have Heard)" begins, **shepherds** exit. At the end of the intro, lights out on Nativity and **Mary** and **Joseph** exit.)

SONG: "Gloria (Angels We Have Heard)" (Use the LYRIC VIDEO or a live band.)

SONG: "Children of God" (Use the LYRIC VIDEO or a live band.)

Piano-Vocal

Glory to God in the Highest based on the recording from the album Doorpost Songs: Unto Us by Dave & Jess Ray



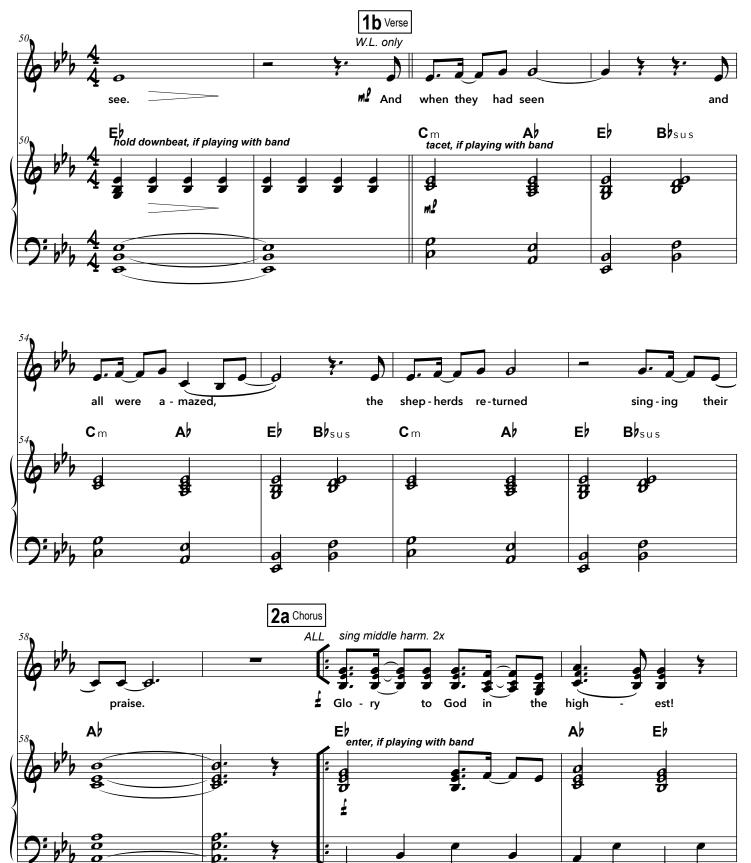
















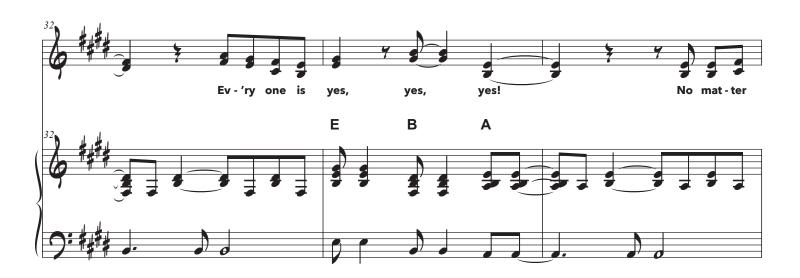
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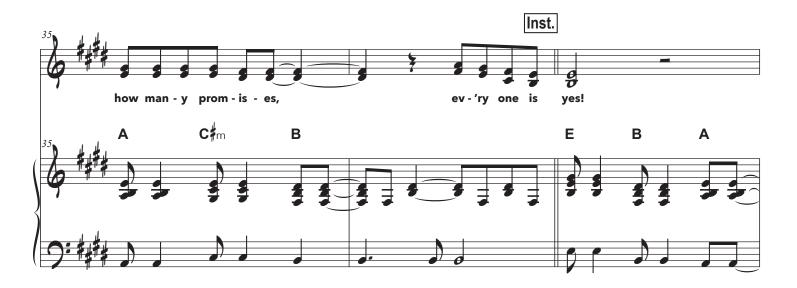










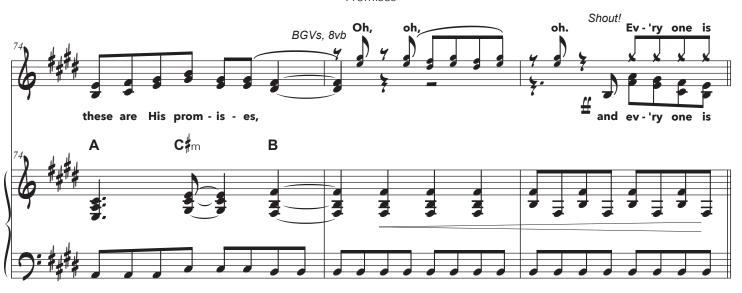


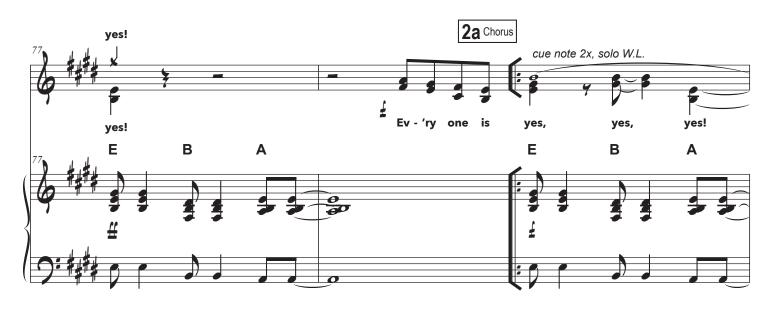


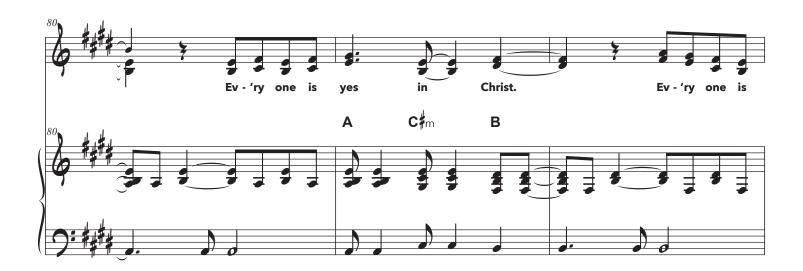








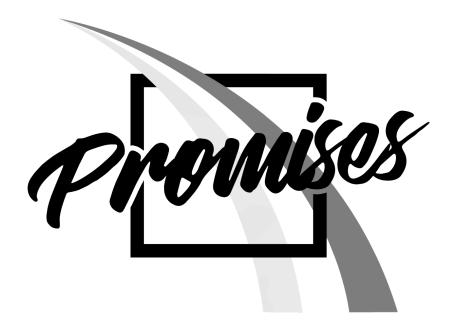








DOORPOST SONGS



Family Worship Experience

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PREPARE

People:

- Host
- Greeters (consider using kids or having families fill this role together)
- Worship Leader
- 6 child narrators
- 8 child actors: 2 news anchors (one boy, one girl), a reporter (preferably a boy, but could also be a girl, substituting "Judy" for "Judah"), and 5 kid "truth reports"

Supplies:

- Computer graphics slides and videos
 - Countdown video
 - o Verse slides: 2 Corinthians 1:20; Deuteronomy 31:8
 - o Close-up picture of a spider
 - Video of a coaster ride
- Game supplies (based on game choice, refer to Leader Guide)
- "News desk" and 2 chairs (consider placing mics on short stands in front of the "news anchors")
- 2 mics on stands (for Scripture readers and reporter)
- Sheets of paper for "Lift Your Head" activity, enough for each person in attendance (1/4 of an 8.5" x 11" sheet at the smallest; they should be large enough to crumple into a good-sized ball)
- Pens or pencils, enough for each person in attendance (these might be in your pews or seats, if not use cheap "golf-style" pencils)

Before the Event:

- Download the slides and videos and place them in your presentation software (i.e., ProPresenter, Media Shout).
- Place 2 mics on stands near the worship leader for Scripture readers. (One of these mics can be used for the reporter.)
- Gather game supplies and place them in a basket to the side of stage
- Place blank sheets of paper and pens/pencils underneath the end of each row for the "Lift Your Head" activity. (Or, if available, in the backs of pews.)
- Place "news desk," chairs, and news anchor mics on one side of the stage if space allows. If not, place them off stage with stagehands ready to bring them on at the right time.

PRE-SERVICE

As parents and kids are walking in, have the environment ready for them. Ensure greeters are in place, and play upbeat, familiar music.

- Play worship music as families enter
- On screens: video or slide of the event or ministry title

1 minute before start time:

- 1-minute countdown video
- Band, worship team, and children get into place

WELCOME

HOST: Welcome! We are so glad you're here to join us in worshipping together. This is a night for families. It's a night to sing, dance, laugh and worship our God. We are so excited you are here. We're going to have some fun playing games, we're going to connect with each other, and best of all we're going to remember God's promises and praise Him together. Welcome to our Family Worship Night!

[PROMISES]

As song ends and HOST begins to speak, NARRATORS get in place in front of mics in two lines. NARRATORS 1, 3, and 5 should be in one line, and NARRATORS 2, 4, and 6 in the other.

HOST: This night is amazing for so many reasons. One reason is we are here with so many incredible parents and families! (lead applause and cheers)

Our God is amazing! He loves us so much and provided His Word for us to know Him better. We just sang it: His promises are forever. And He keeps every one. His Word reminds us that all His promises are answered *YES*! Kids, parents, let's all say this verse together.

[Verse Slide – 2 Corinthians 1:20]

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.

NARRATOR 1: It's so cool to know that God will always keep His word! He has made so many promises – like these...

NARRATOR 2: Romans 8:39 says that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God!

NARRATOR 3: Isaiah 19:20 reminds us that God protects and defends us!

NARRATOR 4: John 1:12 tells us that those believe in His name are sons and daughters of God!

NARRATOR 5: In Romans 8:31, God promises that He is on our side. And if God is for us, then who can be against us?

NARRATOR 6: God wants us to know Him! When we remember His promises, we can remember how much He loves us! He will always keep His promises.

[REMEMBER (1000 GENERATIONS)]

HOST: You know, the great part about worshipping with kids is that we get to have fun together! And we're going to have a little fun with this next song. We need a few volunteers to help us out!

(Pick 4 kids and ask them to bring a parent onstage with them. You might also use 3 kid/parent duos and give the last "volunteer" slot to a well-known member of your church staff – who is also a good sport!)

HOST: We're going to do something we like to call a Hand Motion Mad Lib. Our friends here are going to help us come up with the hand motions for this next song, but they won't know our mystery verse until after they create the motions. Let's meet our volunteers!

(Ask each person to say their name, perhaps even having the kid introduce the parent. Repeat the names into the mic so everyone can hear.)

HOST: Alright guys, now I want you to remember this: all these people out here *(motion to the congregation)* have to do whatever hand motions you come up with! *(To the crowd)* Why don't you guys stand up, and let's get started.

[Volunteer #1], I need you to come up with a hand motion for someone who is *very* stealthy.

(When the volunteer comes up with a motion, repeat it and have everyone in the congregation do it together.)

[Volunteer #2], I want you to point to yourself in a super fun and creative way.

(Again, repeat the hand motion with the congregation.)

[Volunteer #3], you've seen something that disgusts you and you just want to get it away!

(Repeat the hand motion with the congregation.)

And [Volunteer #4], show us your happy dance!

(Repeat the hand motion with the congregation.)

Okay, are you ready to hear our mystery verse? Here goes: I have HIDDEN (do motion #1) your Word in my HEART (do motion #2) that I might not SIN (do motion #3) against you. Everyone got it? (Repeat the verse and motions.) What's that? We're missing one? You're right! We're going to do our happy dance during every dance break! (Do Volunteer #4's happy dance in the instrumental section after each chorus of the song.) Are you guys ready?! Here we go!

[HIDDEN YOUR WORD]

Piano-Vocal

Remember (1000 Generations)



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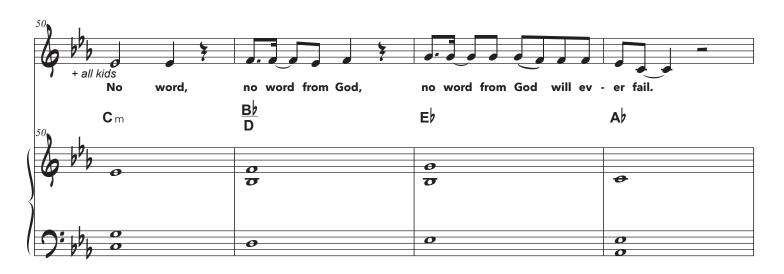


















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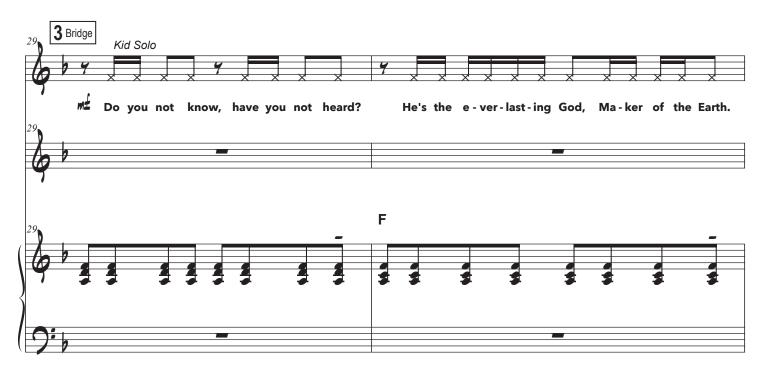


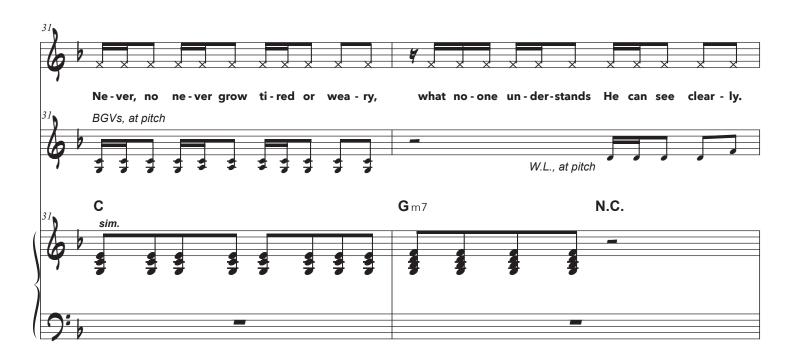
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