

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

Text of Refrain and Verse 1
suggested by lectionary Psalm 78

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Slow gospel feel, ♩ = 60-72

REFRAIN

melody

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A

God has giv-en us bread from heav - en. ____

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B

bread from _ heav - en. ____

G C/G G G7/B

God has giv-en us bread from heav - en. ____ God has giv-en us

C F/C C C/G G C/G G

bread from heav - en. Sing with joy! We have more than we need.
than we need.

B7 **Em** **G/D** **Cmaj7/D** **G** *to verse*

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VERSES *CANTOR: freely-recitative*

G **G7**

1. Our fa - thers told us stor - ies that we now tell to our young.
2. A sin - gle moth - er works two jobs to feed her fam - i - ly.
3. A vic - tim of in - jus - tice now works hard to change the law;

C **G**

1. We teach our chil - dren wis - dom we once learned on moth - er's knee;
2. A teen - age boy in pri - son prays: "God, turn my life a - round."
3. A doc - tor of - fers health care to the home - less free of charge;

BREAD FROM HEAVEN (3)

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system has three measures with lyrics. The second system has three measures with lyrics and a final measure with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.C. to refrain'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes or simple chords in the left hand.

Chords: G, B7, Em, G/D, Cmaj7/D, G, D.C. to refrain

Lyrics:

1. In turn, they tell their chil - dren, so the cir - cle nev - er ends:
2. A fam - 'ly gives their week - ends up to serve food to the poor:
3. A fire - fight - er goes back in a burn - ing, flam - ing home:

1.-3. This is bread; this is bread from heav - en. ____
Opt last: This is bread; we are bread from heav - en. ____

Additional verse invocations:

A couple married forty years renew their sacred vows;
A hospice worker helps a man who cannot feed himself;
A teacher teaches reading at a shelter after school;
Our troops defending freedom overseas and here at home.
A family with five foster kids says, "Yes, we'll take two more."
The people of this parish when engaged in ministry;
A baby keeps the fight up, but will shortly die of AIDS;
A woman suffers quietly, alone upon her bed;
First responders risk their life to help those most in need;