

# Sons of Labour

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The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system starts with a tempo marking of quarter note = 115. The second system begins with a measure rest of 8 measures. The third system begins with a measure rest of 13 measures. The score features a melody in the right hand and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand, primarily using chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

1. Sons of labor, dear to Jesus,  
To your homes and work again;  
Go with brave hearts back to duty,  
Face the peril, bear the pain.  
Be your dwellings ne'er so lowly,  
Yet remember, by your bed,  
That the Son of God most holy  
Had not where to lay His head.

2. Sons of labor, think of Jesus  
As you rest your homes within,  
Think of that sweet Babe of Mary  
In the stable of the inn.  
Think how in the sacred story  
Jesus took a humble grade,  
And the Lord of Life and Glory  
Worked with Joseph at His trade.

3. Sons of labor, pray to Jesus;  
Oh, how Jesus prayed for you!  
In the moonlight, on the mountain,  
Where the shimmering olives grew.  
When you rise up at the dawning,  
Ere in toil you wend your way,  
Pray, as He prayed, in the morning,  
Long before the break of day.

4. Sons of labor, be like Jesus,  
Undefiled, chaste, and pure;  
And, though Satan tempt you sorely,  
By His grace you shall endure.  
Husband, father, son and brother,  
Be ye gentle, just and true—  
Be ye kind to one another,  
As the Lord is kind to you.

5. Sons of labor, seek for Jesus,  
Where He tells you ye shall find,  
In the children, 'mid the mourners,  
In the sick, poor, lame and blind—  
"Search the Scriptures," He entreats you,  
"For of Me they testify";  
Love His altar, where He meets you,  
Saying, "Fear not—It is I."

6. Sons of labor, go to Jesus,  
In your sorrow, shame and loss;  
He is nearest, you are dearest,  
When you bravely bear His cross.  
Go to Him, who died to save you,  
And is still the sinner's Friend;  
And the great love, which forgave you,  
Will forgive you to the end.

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