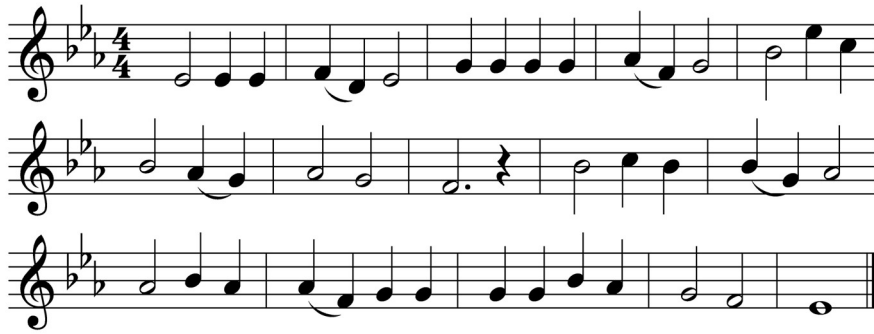


Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature Hymnal 1982 no. 383 Melody: St Elizabeth 5 6 8. 5 5 8.



Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son;  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

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Music: Melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842