

# Open now thy gates of beauty

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Open now thy gates of beauty'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers measures 1-4, the second system covers measures 5-8, and the third system covers measures 9-12. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
Lord, my God, I come be - fore thee, come thou al - so un - to me;  
Here thy praise is glad - ly chan - ted, here thy seed is du - ly sown;

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where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for him who ans - wers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plan - ted, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,

9  
Oh, how bles - sed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, O en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine,  
howsoe'er temptations thicken;  
may thy Word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows,  
here is balm for all our woes.