

A Plea for Church Unity (Eph 4v1-6)

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: Bm, F#m, Em7, A9, D. Lyrics: Ev' ry word God has spo-ken__ is as plain__ as the sun in the sky__ yet the

System 2: Chords: Em7, Gm6, Bm, Gmaj7, Em, F#7sus, Bm. Lyrics: Church by di-vi - sions is bro-ken__ with mul-ti-tudes pass-ing on by.__ The

System 3: Chords: F#m, Em7, A9, D. Lyrics: doc-trine her mar-tyrs de - fen-ded Is si-lenced or poi-soned with lies; to -

System 4: Chords: Em, Gm6, Bm, Gmaj7, Em, F#7sus, Bm. Lyrics: day we are calm-ly con - tent-ed__ to be wise in our own foo-lish eyes.__

System 5: Chords: Em/B, B, Bm7, G, G/F#, Em7, G/D. Lyrics: Are the Scrip-tures you de - pend__ on__ con-strained by fall-en rea-son? Is your

22 C G/B A G/B A D/G E/F#

world-view charged with trea-son? Schi-sm in the bride is sin!

26 G/B A D/G E/F# Bm E/B Bm E/B

U-ni-fy Your Church, O Lord, once a-gain!

Every word God has spoken
 Is plain as the sun in the sky;
 Yet the Church by divisions is broken
 With multitudes passing on by.
 The doctrine her martyrs defended
 Is diluted or poisoned with lies;
 Today we are calmly contented
 To be wise in our own foolish eyes.
 Are the Scriptures you depend on
 Constrained by fallen reason?
 Is your worldview charged with treason?
 Schism in the Bride is sin!
 Unify Your Church, O Lord, once again!

The truth we are charged to believe in
 Is a seamless, harmonious whole;
 Every part holds together in union
 Like the blending of spirit and soul.
 Not a jot may we treat with indifference
 As we seek to walk straight by its light;
 Let us therefore strive meekly in conference
 To comprehend Scripture aright!
 There are hirelings masquerading
 Who are wolf-hounds in sheep's clothing
 More focused on parading!
 Schism in the bride is sin!
 Unify Your church, O Lord, once again!

Steve Layfield - July 2014