

# God Welcomes All

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The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, using dotted quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends; God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The score consists of two systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is designed to be easily learned and sung by a group.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

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