

IF WE EVER NEEDED THE LORD BEFORE

(We Sure Do Need Him Now)

TTBB, accompanied, with optional bass, guitar and drums*

Words and Music by
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Arranged by ROBERT STERLING

Performance time: approx. 4:20

Swing ($\text{J} = \text{ca. } 120$) ($\text{J} = \overline{\overline{3}}\text{ } \text{J}$)

TENOR I
TENOR II
BARITONE
BASS
ACCOMP.

4 (unison) *mf*

5 *(mel.)*

If we ev - er need-ed the Lord be - fore, — we
(unison) *mf* you know we

5 *mf*

*Bass/Guitar/Drums, see pages 17–19.

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7

sure do need Him now. Oh, _____ we sure do need Him now.

A♭/E♭ B♭m9 E♭9 A♭ C7(⁹_{#5}) Fm7 A♭/B♭ B♭7 B♭m7/E♭

10

(unis.)

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(unis.)

E9(b5) D♭m7 G♭13 A♭(9) D♭/E♭

13

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13

A♭(9) B♭m7 B dim7 A♭(9)/C

15

sure do need Him now. We need Him ev - 'ry

C7sus C7 Fm7 G_b13 D_bmaj9 D_bm₉⁶

3rd time to Coda [1.]

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Solo (with lots of freedom)

[2.]

21 *mf* [22]

We need _____ Him in the

21 *mf* [22]

We need Him,___ need Him,___

mf

[2.] D♭/E♭ A♭13 [22]

3

24

morn - ing. We need _____

24

need Him,___ need Him,___ we need Him,___

G13 E maj7/F♯

27

Him at night. We ____

need Him, need Him, need Him,

G_b13 B_b13 E_b9(b5) E_b9

30

need ____ Him in the noon -

need Him, need Him, need Him,

Ebm7(4) Ab13(#11) Dbmaj9

33

D.S. § al Coda

day, when the sun is shin-ing bright.

(unis.) when the sun is shin-ing bright. If we

D♭m6 D♭maj7/E♭ E♭9sus N.C. *D.S. § al Coda*

Coda

36 SOLO (with lots of freedom) 37

We need Him when we're

Coda

36 37

We need Him, need Him,

Coda

D/E 37 A13

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mf

4 (unison) *mf*

5

If we ev - er need-ed the Lord be - fore, — we

(unison) *mf*

5

you know we

Chords: $D\flat/E\flat$, $A\flat(9)$, $B\flat m7/A\flat$, $A\flat(9)$, $B\flat m7/A\flat$

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Coda

36 37

We need Him, need Him,

Coda D/E 37 A13

3

39

hap - py.— We need

need Him,— need Him,— we need Him,—

G#13 Fmaj7/G

42

Him when we're sad. We

need Him,— need Him,— need Him,—

G13 B13 E9(b5) E9

45

need Him when we're bur -

need Him, need Him, need Him

Em7(4) A13(#11) Dmaj9

48

dened just to make our hearts feel glad.

(unis.) just to make our hearts feel glad. We

Dm6 D maj7/E E9sus N.C.

51

8
need Him, we need Him, we real - ly need Him in the morn-ing,

51 A13 Bm7 Gm/C F13(b5) Bb13 E7(b5) D13 C#13

54

8
We need__ Him in the
54 in the night. doo doo
Ba doo ba doo ba

C13 B13 Em7(4) A13

56

noon - day when the sun is shin - ing bright.

doo doo Sun is shin - ing bright. Yes, we

(unis.) (unis.)

Dmaj7 G13 Dmaj7/E E9susNC

59

need Him, we need Him, we real - ly, real - ly, real - ly need Him

A13 Bm7 Gm/C F13(b5) Bb13 Eb7(b5)

(with freedom)

61

We need_ Him when we're

(mel.) when we're hap-py, when we're sad._ doo doo

Ba doo ba doo ba

D13 C#13 C13 B13 Em7(4) A13

(end solo)

64

bur - dened just to make our hearts feel_ glad.

(unis.) Make our hearts feel_ glad. If we

doo doo ba doo

Dmaj7 G13 D maj7/E E9sus

67

(mel.) ev - er need-ed the Lord be - fore, we sure do need Him now.
you know we

67 A(9) Bm7/A A(9) Bm7/A A/E Bm9 E9 A

70

Oh, we sure do need Him now. Oh, Lord, we
(unis.)

C#7(9/5) F#m7 A/B B7 Bm7/E F9(b5)

73

sure do need Him now.

If we ev-er need-ed the

Dm7 G13 A(9) D/E 75 A(9) Bm7

76

Lord be - fore, you know we sure do need Him now.

We

B#dim7 A(9)/C# C#9sus C#9 F#m7 G13

79 (unis.)

need Him ev - 'ry day

79 D maj9 D m6 B9

16 81

-- and ev - 'ry hour. (unis.) We

D/E F#m7(4) B9 Em7(4) A13

84 (unis.)₃

need Him ev - 'ry day and ev - 'ry hour, (unis.)

Dmaj9 Dm6 A/B F13(#11) E9sus N.C.

(opt. TI div.)

and ev - 'ry hour.

Em7(4) A13 D9 G13 C13 B7(b5) B7(#5) A13

73

sure do need Him now. If we ev-er need-ed the

Dm7 G13 A(9) D/E 75 A(9) Bm7

76

Lord be - fore, you know we sure do need Him now. We

B#dim7 A(9)/C# C#9sus C#9 F#m7 G13

79 (unis.)

need Him ev - 'ry day

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16 81

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