

Ready the Way

Based on Isaiah 40:3, 4a

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REFRAIN ($\downarrow = ca. 72$)

D

5

G/B

7

D/E[#]

Melody

D G/B A D/F#

Read-y the way, ____ read-y the way, ____ read-y the way ____

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a hymn. The top staff begins with a G major chord (G, B, D) followed by an Asus4 chord (A, C, E, G), then a D major chord, and finally a G/B chord. The lyrics "of the Lord." are sung over the first three chords, and "Read - y the way," is sung over the last two. The bottom staff continues the melody with eighth-note patterns. The key signature is G major throughout.

Musical score for "Ready the Way" in A major (one sharp). The score consists of two staves. The top staff shows a melody with lyrics: "read - y the way _____ of _____ the Lord. ___ Read - y the way, _". The bottom staff provides harmonic support. Chords indicated above the top staff are A, A[#]°7, Bm, Asus4, and a section starting with D labeled "1, 5" and "D.S.". The music is in common time.

2-4 D A sus4
to Verses

Final D A[#]7
rit. last time

Bm A sus4 D

Fine

Read-y the way _____ of____ the Lord. ____

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VERSE 1

D G/B A D/F# G

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - - leys, and

A sus4 D A#^o7

1. moun - tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro - ken be whole,

Melody

Bm D/F# G Asus4 D

1. and read - y the way of the Lord. Read - y the way,

Harmony

VERSES 2, 3

D G/B A D/F# G

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk in your truth,
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre - pare a place.

A sus4 D A#^o7 Bm

2. so we may love more like you and
3. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace, as we

Melody

D/F# G Asus4 D

2, 3. read - y the way for you, Lord. Read - y the way,

Harmony