

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Words Charles C. Converse, 1868, Lyrics Joseph M. Scriven, 1855

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is divided into four systems, each with four measures. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at the beginning of each measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The first system contains the first four lines of the song. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the next four lines. The fourth system contains the final four lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

D D7 G D A E A

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble a - ny - where?
3 Are we weak and hea - vy la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?
4 Bless - ed Sav - ior, Thou hast prom - ised Thou wilt all our bur - dens bear.

5 D D7 G G#dim D A7 D G D

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry, Ev - 'ry thing to God in prayer!
We should ne - ver be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our re - fuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
May we ev - er, Lord, be bring - ing all to Thee in earn - est prayer.

9 A D G D A E A

O what peace we of - ten for - feit. O what need - less pain we bear.
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends des - pise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Soon in glo - ry bright un - cloud - ed there will be no need for prayer.

13 D D7 G G#dim D A7 D G D

All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.
Rap - ture, praise and end - less wor - ship will be our sweet por - tion there.