

# Give Us Laughter Unexpected

## A Hymn of Thanks for Laughter

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Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Meter: 8.7.8.7. D

Music: Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1824

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Give Us Laughter Unexpected'. It is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The score is divided into four systems, each with a piano accompaniment and four lines of lyrics. The lyrics are numbered 1 through 4, corresponding to the four lines of text in each system. The piano part consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are as follows:

**System 1:**

1. Give us laugh - ter un - ex - spect - ed, mirth that mo - thers us to health;  
2. Though our grief can be so heav - y, bur - dens break our brit - tle bones,  
3. When we think cre - a - tion's o - ver, when we think there is no more,  
4. Blessed are you who weep with sor - row; soon the laugh - ter comes to save.

**System 2:**

5  
bubb - ling up from deep with - in us, end - less source of wond - rous wealth.  
there ex - ists a salve that soft - ens hurt a - mid the mourn - ful moans.  
lead us to re - think our lo - gic, help our joy - ous song re - store.  
God, our joy - ful source of mer - cy, rais - es you up from the grave.

**System 3:**

9  
May our tears flow o'er our cheek - bones, not of sor - row but of mirth;  
Laugh - ter char - ges not a co - pay, needs no cre - dit to ob - tain.  
There's a cheer - ful balm that saves us from the sor - row and the sting.  
Nev - er cease to loose your chuck - les, laugh out loud and let it fly!

**System 4:**

13  
free - ly flow - ing sill - y gig - gles, ones that mend this bro - ken earth.  
All may ga - ther at the fount - ain, for a mo - ment, heal the pain.  
Laugh - ter is the gift with - in us, sprout - ing up from joy - ous spring!  
Hold your - self in ho - ly hu - mor, share God's joy in strong sup - ply!