

## **Taking What Is Given**

Jesus feeds a crowd

Proper 13, Year A; Proper 11, Year B

Taking what is given, small as it may seem,  
scant or insufficient, still we dare to dream—  
small can make much, when gathered in God's love,  
and our simple gifts may prove to be enough.

Blessing what is given, small as it may seem,  
scant or insufficient, still we dare to dream—  
small can make much, rejoicing in God's love,  
and our simple gifts may prove to be enough.

Sharing what is given, small as it may seem,  
scant or insufficient, still we dare to dream—  
small can make much, when offered in God's love,  
and our simple gifts may prove to be enough.

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*Noël nouvelet*, 15th-century French carol  
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1. Tak - ing what is giv - en, small as it may seem,  
2. Bless - ing what is giv - en, small as it may seem,  
3. Shar - ing what is giv - en, small as it may seem,

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a clear harmonic structure.

scant or in - suf - fi - cient, still we dare to dream—  
scant or in - suf - fi - cient, still we dare to dream—  
scant or in - suf - fi - cient, still we dare to dream—

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features the same treble and bass staves with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are repeated for three different vocal parts.

small can make much, when gath - ered in God's love,\_\_\_  
small can make much, re - joic - ing in God's love,\_\_\_  
small can make much, when of - fered in God's love,\_\_\_

The third system of music concludes the piece. It features the same treble and bass staves with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are repeated for three different vocal parts, ending with a long note on the final word 'love'.

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