

# God hath not promised skies always blue

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The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second system begins with a measure number '5'. The third system begins with a measure number '10'. The fourth system begins with a measure number '15'. The music features a steady accompaniment in the bass clef and a more melodic line in the treble clef, often using eighth and sixteenth notes.

God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

## *Refrain*

*But God hath promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.*

God hath not promised we shall not know  
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;  
He hath not told us we shall not bear  
Many a burden, many a care.

## Refrain

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,  
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;  
Never a mountain rocky and steep,  
Never a river turbid and deep.

## Refrain

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