

# By gentle Powers

Lyrics: Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1944

Translation: Eckhard Becker

Music: Kurt Grahl 1976

♩ = 70

**D Bm Em A F# Bm**

1. By gent - le Po - wers faith - ful - ly sur - roun - ded,  
2. our hearts are tor - tured e - ven now by e - vil days,

**3 D B Em A D**

pro - tec - ted wond - rous - ly, con - soled by grace, -  
the bur - dens of the past are hard to bear,

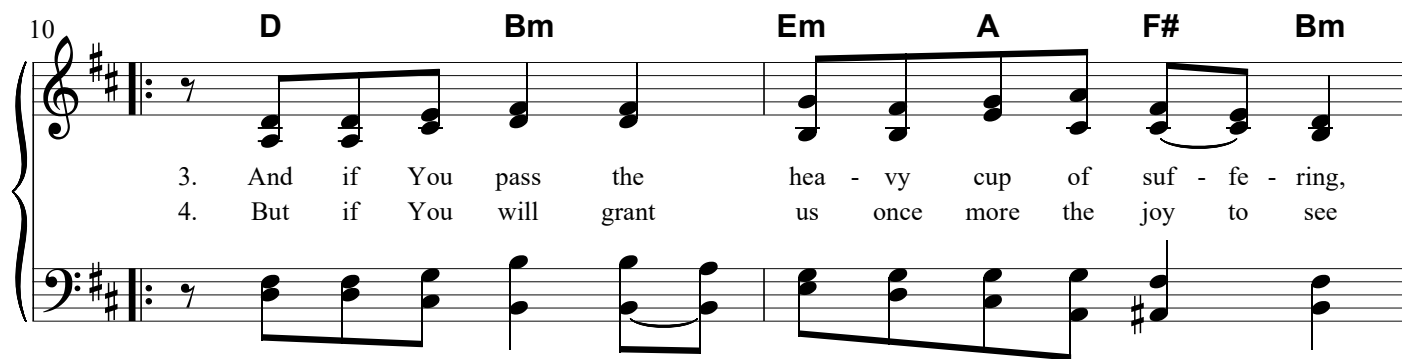
**5 Bm C# F#m G A D A**

that's how I long to live these days to - ge - ther,  
Oh Lord, grant ou - r scared souls the sal - va - tion,

**7 Bm D G E A D**

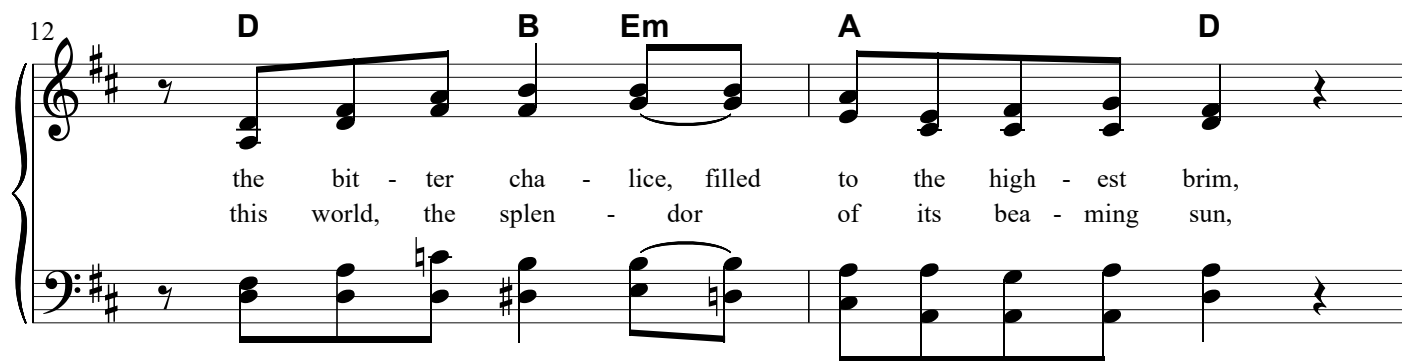
close by your side, to start the co - ming year;  
there - fore You have cre - a - ted us and saved.

10 **D Bm Em A F# Bm**



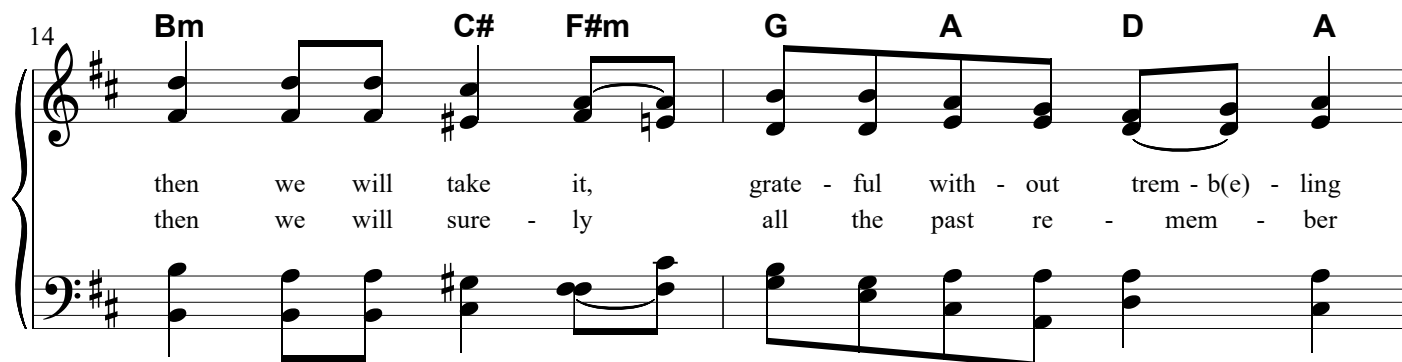
3. And if You pass the hea - vy cup of suf - fe - ring,  
4. But if You will grant us once more the joy to see

12 **D B Em A D**



the bit - ter cha - lice, filled to the high - est brim,  
this world, the splen - dor of its bea - ming sun,

14 **Bm C# F#m G A D A**



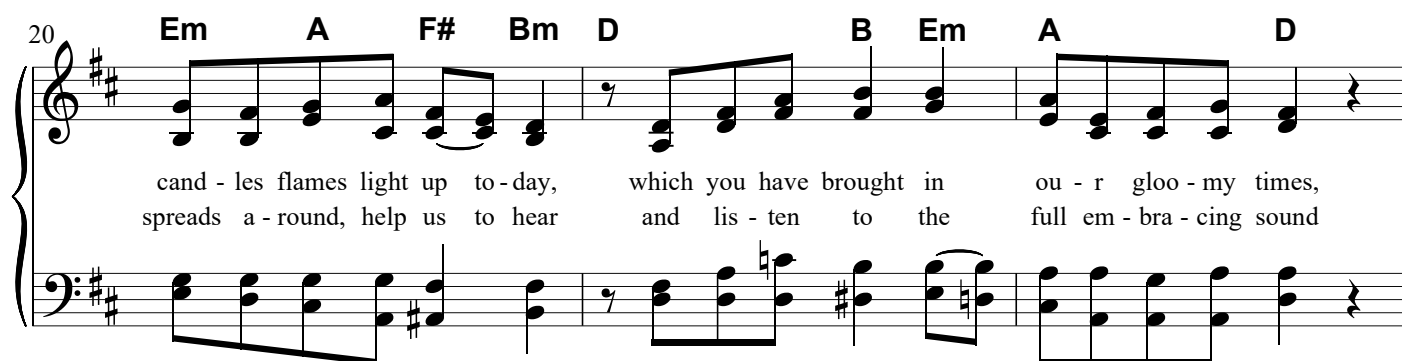
then we will take it, grate - ful with - out trem - b(e) - ling  
then we will sure - ly all the past re - mem - ber

16 **Bm D G E A D D Bm**



out of Your good and so be - lo - ved hand. 5. Let warm and bright the  
and ou - r whole lives will be Yours a - lone. 6. When now the si - lence

20 **Em A F# Bm D B Em A D**



cand - les flames light up to - day, which you have brought in ou - r gloo - my times,  
spreads a - round, help us to hear and lis - ten to the full em - bra - cing sound

23 **Bm C# F#m G A D A**

lead us to - ge - ther back a - gain if that can be!  
of this world, which un - seen a - round is wi - de - ning

25 **Bm D G E A D**

We know for sure, Your light shines through the night.  
to all Your child - rens high - est hymns of praise.

28 **D Bm Em A F# Bm D B Em**

7. By gent - le Po - wers won - der - ful - ly shel - tered, a - wai - ting fear - less -

31 **A D Bm C# F#m**

ly what there will be. God, he is near at

33 **G A D A Bm D G E A D**

dusk and in the mor - ning and with us cer - tain - ly on each new day.