

Grace of Giving

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Tune: "Family Circle" from *The Sacred Harp*
Arranged by: Kaye McSpadden

The musical score is arranged in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers measures 1-4, and the second system covers measures 5-8. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

Chord progression for the first system: D Bm G A7 D Bm G A D

Chord progression for the second system: D Bm C A7 D Bm G A D

Vocal lyrics:
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*So that in our days of liv - ing we ___ cre ate sweet har - mo - ny.

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