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Subject: Thanksgiving Service song

I'm writing to explain the plan for the group number "We Come to Say Thank You." I hope our friends at the other 2 churches have some kids or youth who would like to participate. We have about 6 or 7 from the children's choir (grades K-5) and 5 or 6 from our youth (grades 6-12) who will be participating, and they'd love to have some friends from the other churches join. Here's the plan for how we will sing the song...

-The main refrain "Thank you, O Lord we come to say thank you...." will be sung by adults, youth, and children. Youth and children on melody, adults on parts.

-Verse 1: the first half will be sung as melody-only by the kids grades K-5 (For the beauty of the Earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies). The 2nd half will be sung by the adult choir in parts. The ending of the verse (stars of heavenly light) will be sung by all.

-Verse 2: the first half will be sung as melody-only by the youth grades 6-12 (For the joy of human love, brother sister parent child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild). We have no changed male voices in our youth so everything will be sung together in the treble octave- if you have a male youth with changed voice they can sing the melody an octave lower. The 2nd half will be sung by the adults. The ending of the verse (endless joy in heaven) will be sung by all.

-Last refrain: the soprano youth in grades 6-12 will sing the descant. All soprano adults, children grades K-5, and youth who can't hit the high notes will sing melody, adult altos and men can sing the low harmonies.

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