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Fsus F Dm Gm C Am Gm Dm C

Now the si-lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/8 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth and quarter notes. The accompaniment in the bass clef consists of chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Fsus F Dm Gm C Am Gm Dm Gm Eb

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The notation follows the same format as the first system, with treble and bass staves and lyrics below the treble staff.

F Bb Gm Cm F Bb F Gm F Cm

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The notation follows the same format as the first system, with treble and bass staves and lyrics below the treble staff.

F Bb Gm Cm F Bb F Gm C

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of music. The notation follows the same format as the first system, with treble and bass staves and lyrics below the treble staff.

HOLY COMMUNION

Fsus F Dm Gm C Am Gm Dm C Gm

Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

F Gm C Gm⁷ F Gm C Gm⁷

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

F Gm Gm⁷ Dm C Gm C Gm C

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Lacking punctuation and rhyme in the text and bar lines in the music, this meditative hymn on Communion created in 1969 may at first seem like a random stream of consciousness musings. But both words and music are structured with careful patterns that combine to bring memory alive and to evoke a powerful sense of God's presence.