

IF WE EVER NEEDED THE LORD BEFORE

(We Sure Do Need Him Now)

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Swinging gospel (♩ = ca. 120) (♩♩ = $\overline{\text{3}}$ ♩)

The musical score is arranged for a full band and choir. It features the following parts:

- B♭ Trumpet 1&2:** Melodic line with accents and dynamics of *mf*.
- Trombone 1&2:** Harmonic support with dynamics of *mf*.
- Choir:** Vocal line with rests.
- Piano:** Accompaniment with triplets and dynamics of *mf*.
- Rhythm:** Chordal accompaniment with dynamics of *mf* and chord changes: F13, B♭9, G9, C7, F.
- Bass Guitar:** Bass line with dynamics of *mf*.
- Drumset:** Rhythmic accompaniment with dynamics of *mf* and patterns 1, 2, and 3.

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B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

S. *mf*
A. If we ev - er need - ed the Lord be - fore, — we sure do need Him now. —
T. *mf*
B.

Pno.

G min7 C7 F6 G min7 F6 A♭7 F6 B♭/C F6

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

comp. easy swing

4 3 5 6 7

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Yes, we sure do need Him now, — yes, we sure do need Him now. —

Pno.

C7 G9 C7 B♭/D C/E B♭/F B♭/C F6

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

comp. easy swing

8 9 10 3 11

13

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

mf

f

If we ev - er need - ed the Lord be - fore, — you know we sure do need Him now. —

F6 G min7 F6 A♭7 F6 A7 A7/C# Dmin

12 13 14 15

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

mf

We need Him ev - 'ry day and ev - 'ry hour. —

F/C G min7 F6 C7 F6 B♭ F/A G min7 F

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B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

mf

mf

simile

simile

Choir

'Cause we need Him in the morn - ing.

Pno.

N.C. F6 F6

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

comp. easy swing

20 3 21 22 23

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

(*mf*)

And we need Him in the night.

Pno.

F7 B♭7 F6 G[♯]7/D♭

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir
How we need Him in the noon-day,

Pno.
F6 B♭ F6 F6 B♭ F G min7/F F G min7/F

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

28 29 30 31

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir
when the sun is shin-ing bright. If we ev-er need-ed the
If we need-ed the

Pno.
F B♭ F6 C7 F6 N.C. F6 G min7

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

32 33 34 35 26454

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

mf

mf

Lord be - fore, — we sure do need Him now. — Yes, we sure do need Him now, —

Lord be - fore, — we sure do need Him now. —

F6 A♭7 F6 F6 G min7/C F6 F6 C7 G7

36 37 38 39

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

43

we sure do need Him now. — If we ev - er need - ed the

Have mer - cy, 'cause we sure do need Him now. — If we need - ed the

C B♭/D C7/E B♭/F B♭/C F6 F6 G min7

40 41 42 3 43

comp. easy swing

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

mf

mf

Lord be - fore, — you know we sure do need Him now. — We need Him ev - ry

F6 A♭7 F6 A7 A7/C# Dmin F/C Gmin7

44 45 46 47

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

51

day and ev - ry hour Yes, we

For we need Him

F6/C C7 F6 B♭ F/A Gmin7 F N.C. F6

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a little heavier

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir
 need— Him. Need Him when we're hap - py. And we
 — when we're hap - py. And we need— Him

Pno.
 F6 F6 F7 B♭7

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

52 53 54 55

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir
 need Him when we're sad. How we need Him
 when we're sad.

Pno.
 F6 G min7(b5)/D♭ F6 B♭ F6

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

56 57 58 59

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

when we're bur - dened just to make our hearts feel glad.

F6 F G min7/F F G min7/F F B♭ B♭/D F6 C7 F6

60 61 62 63

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

If we ev - er need - ed the Lord be - fore, we

N.C. G6 A min7 G6 B♭7 G6

fill with more drive

64 65 66



B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

sure do need Him now. — Yes, we sure do need Him now, —

G/D Amin/D G6 G6 D7 A7 D7

67 68 69

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Pno.

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

yes, we sure do need Him now. — If we ev - er need - ed the

C/E D/F# C/G C/D G6 G6 A min7

70 71 72 73

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir

Lord be - fore, — you know we sure do need Him now. — We need Him ev - 'ry

Pno.

G6 B♭7 G6 B7 B7/D# Emin G/D A min7

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

74

75

76

77

B♭ Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

mf

Choir

day and ev - 'ry hour. We need Him ev - 'ry

Pno.

G6/D D7 G6 E min7/D C Maj7

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

78

79

80

81

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B \flat Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir
day, For He will light the way; You

Pno.
G G $^{\circ}$ 7 G CMaj7 Amin7/C E7

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

82 3 83 84 3

85

B \flat Tpt. 1&2

Trb. 1&2

Choir
know we sure do need the Lord.

Pno.
A7 D7 G6 G6/B G/D Amin/D G

Rhy.

Bass

D. S.

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