

### 3 The golden rule she has pursued

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. The gold-en rule she has pur-sued and did to o-thers  
2. Af-flict-ion, pov-er-ty, dis-ease, drew out her soul in  
3. Her Sav-ior in his mem-bers seen a strang-er she re-  
4. A nurs-ing mo-ther to the poor, for them she hus-band-  
5. A-way, my tears and self-ish sighs! The hap-py saint in

as she would o - thers should do to her: jus -  
soft dis - tress, the wretch - ed to re - lieve: in  
ceived him in, an hun - gry Je - sus fed, tend -  
ed her store, her life, her all be - stowed; for  
par - a - dise re - quires us not to mourn; but

tice com-posed her up - right soul, jus - tice did all her  
all the works of love em-ployed, her sym - pa - thiz - ing  
ed her sick, im - pri - soned Lord, and flew in all his  
them she la - bored day and night, in do - ing good her  
ra - ther keep her life in view, and still her shin - ing

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thoughts con - trol and formed her char - ac - ter.  
soul en - joyed the bless - ed - ness to give.  
wants to af - ford her min - is - ter - ial aid.  
whole de - light, in copy - ing af - ter God.  
steps pur - sue, till all to God re - turn.

1. The golden rule she has pursued,  
and did to others as she would  
others should do to her:  
justice composed her upright soul,  
justice did all her thoughts control,  
and formed her character.

3. Her Savior in his members seen,  
a stranger she received him in,  
an hungry Jesus fed,  
tended her sick, imprisoned Lord,  
and flew in all his wants to afford  
her ministerial aid.

2. Affliction, poverty, disease,  
drew out her soul in soft distress,  
the wretched to relieve:  
in all her works of love employed  
her sympathizing soul enjoyed  
the blessedness to give.

4. A nursing-mother to the poor,  
for them she husbanded her store,  
her life, her all, bestowed;  
for them she labored day and night,  
in doing good her whole delight,  
in copying after God.

5. Away, my tears and selfish sighs!  
The happy saint in paradise  
requires us not to mourn;  
but rather keep her life in view,  
and still her shining steps pursue,  
till all to God return.