

Christian Worship Hymn 544: Preach You the Word

Please remember that songs are interpreted much differently than sermons or liturgy. It is important to keep the rhythm of the music when interpreting songs. Just as English sung hymns must change their word order for their stanzas to rhyme and therefore may 'sound' strange if strictly spoken; signed hymns must also at times change their sign order to keep the proper rhythm of the song and may 'look' strange if strictly signed. Rhythm is very important.

Hymn 544

1. Preach you the Word and plant it home To those who like or like it not
preach you+ God Word and *put-inside-heart to people like or don't-like
The Word shall endure and stand When flowers and mortals are forgot
word will continue and stay when flowers and people are gone dead
2. We know how hard O Lord the task Your servant bids us undertake
"we know hard Lord work your servant ask us do
To preach your Word and never ask What prideful profit it may make
preach your Word and never ask what profit proud I make"
3. The sower sows his reckless love Scatters abroad the goodly seed
planter spread love careless spread good (fs) seed (word)
Intent alone that there may be The wholesome loaves that people need
idea alone maybe possible good bread (word) people need
4. Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be choked and matted
flat
even-though some steal some burn some choke some stomp
The sower sows his heart cries out "Oh what of that and what of that?"
planter spread and heart cry quote what about *that and *that
5. Preach you the Word and plant it home And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
preach word grow inside heart and never worry reaper Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow Will watch and tend his planted Word
*give planter (fs) seed *watch and take-care-of His word

- -- Words with hyphenation are ASL signs.
- () Words in parentheses may or may not be signed, depending on your audience. If they are more English, you may want to add the words.
- <> Words in <> are definitions for the previous word as the previous word has more than one sign.
- "" Words in quotation marks are words to be dramatized as if you are the speaker.
- * Words with asterisks should be signed as a directional sign
- fs means to fingerspell
- + means the sign is repeated. A number following the plus sign indicates how many times to repeat.