

This song was first performed as part of the Musical, "Ruth, A Love Story" - written by Geri Grots, Becky Lawrence and me. In this scene opener, we see the reapers dancing and praising God for His faithfulness. Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi are returning to their homeland, now that the famine is over. This is the first time we see Ruth about to glean in the field of Boaz.

I dedicate this to Chris Mitchell and Debbie Havers and all of the faithful dance team at New Life Tabernacle for lifting my music off of the page and giving it life. Thank you.

Monroe County, Michigan has a lot of agriculture and so residents are very aware of the seasons and sensitive to the affects of weather on our dear farmers. Therefore it was no stretch of the imagination to rejoice in this Biblical scene of abundant harvest after drought and food shortages.

Something we can continue to do is to hold up the local family farmers in our prayers.

The Harvest
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CHORUS

Bb/F **F** **Bb/F** **F**
All glory to Jehovah! He has heard our prayers!
Bb/F **F** **Gm** **C**
We reap with joy the harvest as His praises fill the air.
Bb/F **F** **Bb/F** **F**
All glory to Jehovah! He has heard our prayers!
Bb/F **F** **Gm** **Cms - C**
We reap with joy the harvest as His praises fill the air.

Verse 1

Bb **FA** **Gm** **C**
In faith we had sown the seed. We placed it in God's hands.
Bb **FA** **Gm** **Csus - C**
Now He has made a fruitful field out of a barren land.

Verse 2

Bb **F/A** **Gm** **C**
He has seen our hunger. He has seen our pain.
Bb **F/A** **Gm** **Csus - C**
But He has washed them all away with the former and the latter rain!