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## All That We Have

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### In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content:

All That We Have Words and Music by Anne Shelby m\*—#I was born in these moun-tains, lived here all my life, and I thank the good Lord ev-ery day I'm a mmm i^^ » m' \ m live. For these tree cov-ered hill -sides and clear rush -ing 3" JIJ JJ streams that come down off the moun-tains and run through my m m dreams. Don't tear down these moun -tains with your mm migh -ty ma - chines, don't fill up these val -leys and poi -son these i ^? streams. Don't bu -ry the top -soil and de -stroy the good T=TfTT^ land, for the land and each oth-er are all that we have. ©2006 Anne Shelby 78 My family has been here for two hundred years. Watered these hillsides with their sweat and their tears. Working together, working this land For the land and each other was all that they had. Don't tear down these mountains with your mighty machines, Don't fill up these valleys and poison these streams. Don't bury the topsoil and destroy the good land, For the land and each other are all that we have. My folks are all gone now, I'm left here alone. But their sweet gentle spirits are with me I know. They linger on the ridgetops and in the cool coves A part of this parcel of earth that they loved. Now the neighbors are selling and moving away. And the roar of the dozers grows closer each day They're felling the forest,

they're leveling the hills For a few dollars off electricity bills. Don't tear down these mountains with your mighty machines, Don't fill up these valleys and poison these streams. Don't bury the topsoil and destroy good land, For the land and each other are all that we have. Now the rich they get richer and the poor mine the coal And the lights must keep burning in the cities, were told. But where will we turn to when the book turns to dust And the once-living mountains turn to rock piles and dust? We are living in the last days, you hear people say. Look for Christ's second coming and the great judgment day. What will the Lord say when he sees what we've done With this Garden of Eden he gave us for a home? Don't tear down these mountains with your mighty machines, Don't fill up these valleys and poison these streams. Don't bury the topsoil and destroy the good land, For the land and each other are all that we have. The land and each other are all that we have. 79 ...

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Words and Music by  
Anne Guffy

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

I was born in these mountain lands, lived here all my  
life, and I thank the good Lord every day that I  
live. For these tree-covered hill sides and clear rushing  
streams that come down off the mountain tops and run through my  
dreams. Don't tear down these mountain hills with your  
rough iron shovels, don't fill up these valleys and poison these  
streams. Don't bury the topsoil and destroy the good  
land, for the land and each other are all that we have.

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