SACRED NAME COLLECTION
Song 86 of 96 | Songs of Praise songbook - not in the three named groups
Collection: Songs of Praise (curriculum songbook, Kindergarten-University) | Level / place: University
Per-instrument parts in source: NO - source prints instrument list and musical direction for the song; no per-instrument parts

Sustainer of All Things

Source: Songs of Praise curriculum songbook (restructured/songs_of_praise_curriculum.md; identical text in the songbook PDF)
Version used: Songbook as built 2026-10-11

FREQUENCY CHART PRESENTATION - A = 432 Hz

Tuning reference for the whole Collection: A = 432 Hz (Frequency Chart & Music-Education Instructions). A=432 Hz is a tuning reference, not the same thing as applying a 432 Hz single tone throughout a song; frequency cue, sung pitch and lyrical peak are separate artistic decisions.
These frequency-to-emotion associations are symbolic production prompts (Frequency Chart evidence note).

THE SONG IN FULL - AS PRINTED IN THE SOURCE

Thread: All four threads woven together - the capstone
Musical direction: Open key, contemplative and vast, about 76 BPM. Through-composed rather than verse-chorus. For choir, soloists, and strings. This is a study piece as much as a song.
Instruments: Choir, soloists, strings. Study piece; final assignment is to compose a new capstone verse.

Part I - The Creator
Before the first star learned to burn,
Before the first tide learned to turn,
Before the word "begin" began -
You were, You are, the Great I Am.

Part II - The Father
And yet this Ancient of all days
Bends low to hear the child who prays.
The throne room and the nursery -
Both are Yours, both hold me.

Part III - The Presence
No height, no depth, no far, no near
Can hide me from the One held dear.
Your Spirit never leaves, never ends -
My Maker, Father, closest Friend.

Part IV - The Praise
So what is left for me to do
But give my everything to You?
Not just my song, but all I am -
The praise of the Great I Am!

Finale (all voices)
Sustainer of all things, Yahweh, we sing -
Creator, Father, ever-present King!
The angels join us, the heavens resound:
The lost are sought, the sought are found!