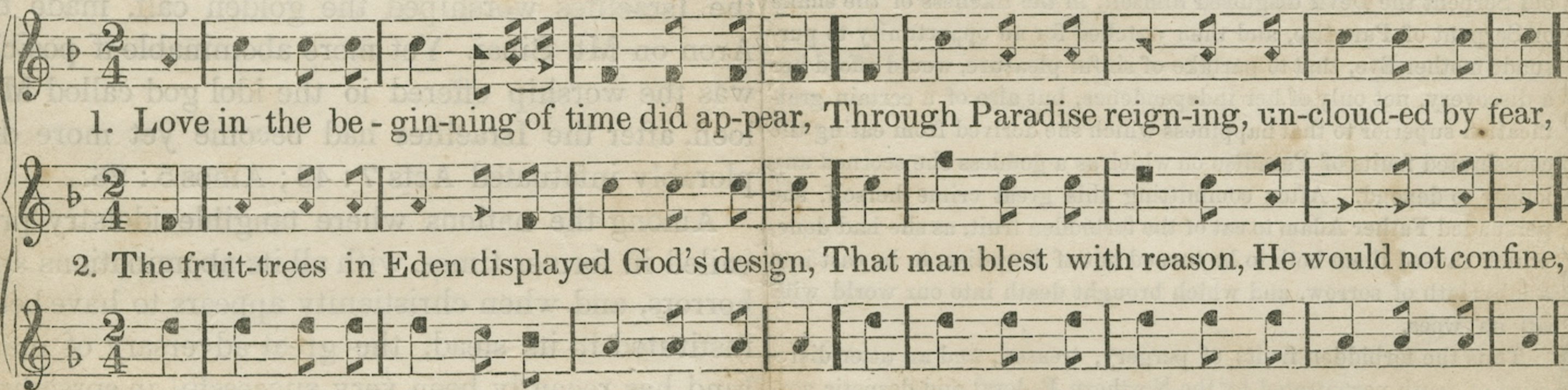


THE PILGRIM'S TRIUMPH.

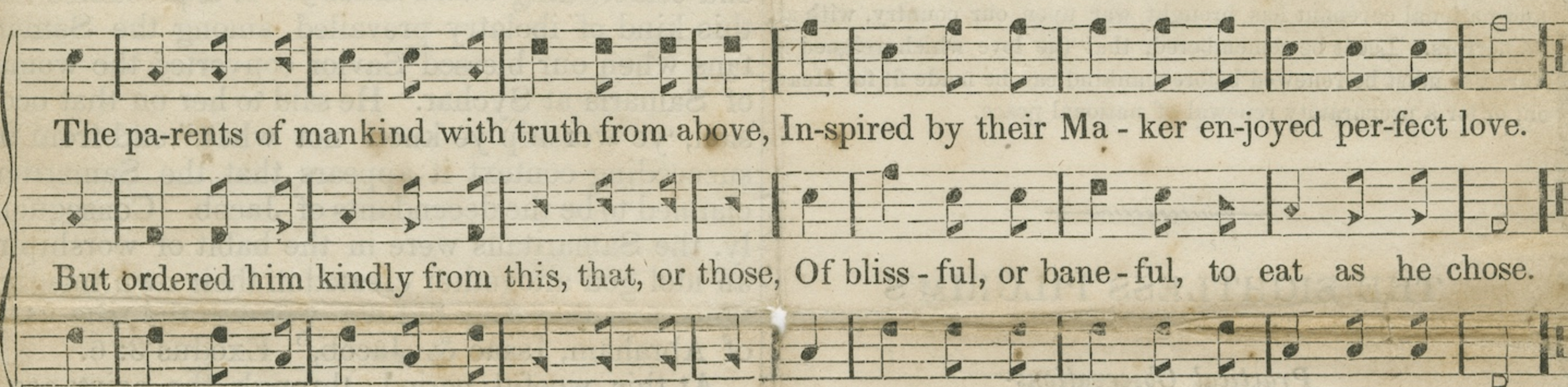
[Music Poetry &c, by JAMES STERRET,

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1. Love in the be - gin - ning of time did ap - pear, Through Paradise reign - ing, un - cloud - ed by fear,

2. The fruit - trees in Eden displayed God's design, That man blest with reason, He would not confine,



The pa - rents of mankind with truth from above, In - spired by their Ma - ker en - joyed per - fect love.

But ordered him kindly from this, that, or those, Of bliss - ful, or bane - ful, to eat as he chose.

3. One tree in the midst of the garden that stood,
God warned Adam strictly, to keep from its food,
For eating thereof would breed folly—dread crime,
And doom him to die in that moment of time.

4. A liar in Eden could hardly appear,
When God showed his face, Satan trembled with fear,
Bright angels attended His every command,
And man gladly vowed, in subjection to stand.

5. This paradise life to the first Pair was given,
That while they were true they might dwell in that heaven,
But if they proved false, they would then forfeit all,
And suffer as victims of hell's rueful thrall.

6. One day sneaking round, when God's face was withdrawn,
From Adam's observance as darkness came on,
The Serpent stole near, with intent to deceive,
And burning with spite—thus addressed mother Eve;

7. Fear no threats of death to bereave you of meat,
Which yields earthly pleasure, with knowledge replete,
Gay life it inspires, and will charm your fond eyes,
It feasts merry gods, and will make you more wise!

8. Eve thus was beguiled—then she grew bold and vain,
She thought like proud gods independence to gain,
She ate then gave Adam, her downfall to share,
Thus Satan for envy, their souls did ensnare.

9. Man's woful rebellion moved Heaven with awe,
The angels were shocked at his breach of God's law,
Here, Mercy provided a Savior in time,
Who made intercession for Adam's first crime.

10. The Seed of the woman, to bruise the Snake's head,
Stood surety for mankind, now legally dead,
The angels rejoiced, and glad heralds forth ran,
With tidings, when born of the loving God-man.

11. Thus Jesus from heaven, in man's nature appeared,
Though God over all, and on earth to be feared,
He came to save sinners from hell's quenchless fire,
By death on the cross, He fulfilled this desire.

12. To fit saints for heaven, God's high power is made known,
Truth, Wisdom and Justice, belong to His throne,
The false gods of Heathen—our God reigns above,
His mercy is vast—and eternal His love.

Notes.

Our Lord and Savior bruised the head of the infernal Snake or Serpent, when He made the atonement for the sins of our fallen world. Here I saw in a dream, that in the beginning of time, the old Serpent the Devil disguised himself, in the likeness of the snake or Serpent of Paradise, and then watched for an opportunity to persuade mother Eve, that to partake of sinful pleasure, would afford her a discovery, not only of her independence, but also of a certain gratification superior to that happiness which she derived from eating the consecrated fruits of Paradise on which as a goddess she scorned any longer to depend. After committing this great crime herself, she persuaded Father Adam to eat of the forbidden fruit, as she had done, which caused them both to be turned out of Paradise, to be cast into a labyrinth of sorrow, and which brought death into our world with all its woes.

Thus the forbidden fruits of perjury, treason, and an utter disregard of truth perpetrated by the Northern Federal and despotic government, in the presumptuous disregard of our sacred constitution and national covenant has brought war upon our country, with all its horrors. Let it be remembered, that the love which reigned in Paradise must be renewed before mankind can be made fit for Heaven, or for a preparatory renewal of national peace.

THE SIGHTLESS PILGRIM'S

Practical Observations.

Let it be remembered that if the benighted and distracted people of America, both North & South, throughout all the variety of their conditions as claiming the rank of superiors, together with all denominations of inferiors, let it be presumed that in all these myriads of diversified characters could be brought to a speedy repentance of their national sins, and outcries iniquities, then we might soon enjoy the cheering hope that the swords of our enemies would be "beaten into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.—Isa. 2: 4; If at this woful crisis of our national ruin, all the people of the American states & territories, could be prevailed upon to learn wisdom, and cease from one another's mutual destruction, the Olive branch of peace would be soon found growing in all parts of our country, and every one might sit under his own vine and fig tree, with none to molest him or make him afraid.

It is here presumed that two particular kinds of idolatry prevail over all parts of the world. Tan-

Samuel, when the Philistines worshiped the Idol called Dagon. This kind of idolatry became more dreadfully conspicuous in the days of Moses, when the Israelites worshiped the golden calf, made by Aron on Mt. Sinai. Yet more abominable if possible was the worship offered to the idol god called Moloch, after the Israelites had become yet more deplorably infatuated Acts 7: 43; Amos 5: 26.

Among the nations where tangible idolatry prevailed in former times, with all its abominations and horrors, and when christianity appears to have been instituted in its stead, the great adversary of mankind has recently been very successful in spreading and establishing *mental idolatry*. It is presumed that this kind of idolatry prevailed among the Samaritans when our blessed Savior converted the woman of Samaria at Sychar. He said to her on that occasion, "ye worship ye know not what," and from the succeeding context it appears that the Samaritans claimed to be the descendants of Jacob. Consequently, the Samaritans were in the habit of worshiping an idol god altogether created in their own imaginations, and that they did not worship the true "God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob," Exodus 3: 6.

At this woful period, through the existence of mental idolatry among the people of America, they have sunk down into delusion and anarchy, and fellow citizens who were formerly bound together under all the ties of kindred, national fraternity, and christian charity, and who were accustomed to assist each other in war as well as in times of peace, are now, like heathen savages, engaged in each other's destruction.

Like Cain of old who killed his brother,
These maniacs now destroy each other.

Our blessed Savior enjoined it upon the families of mankind to love one another. For saith he, "I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Matt. 5: 44.

May the people of America imitate the example of the Ninevites who obtained salvation from the destruction of that threatened city, by their prompt repentance! Jonah 3: &c.