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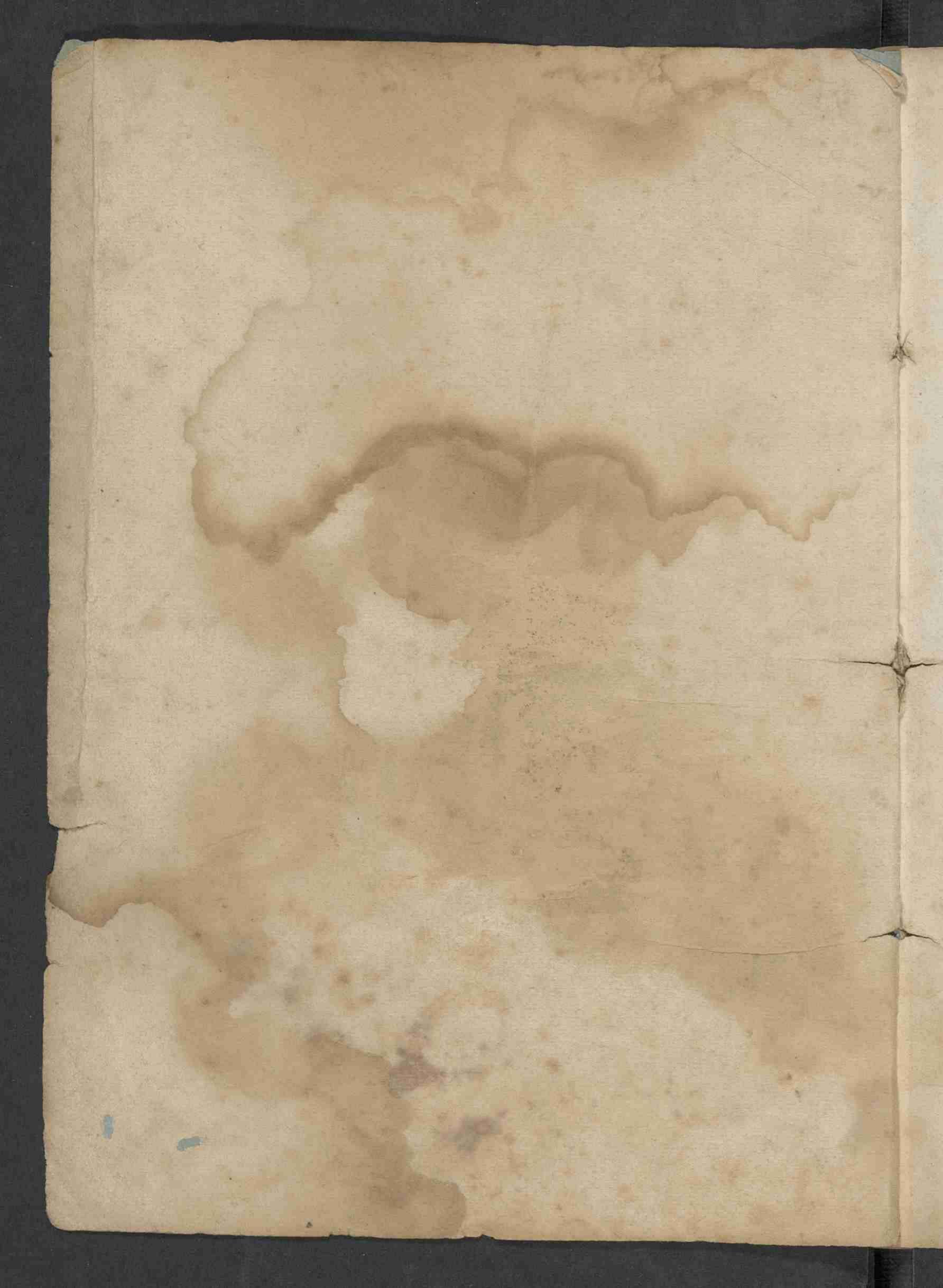
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## PREFACE.

THERE is an old adage which says "singing is the life of worship." While perhaps this is not true, strictly speaking, there are marks of truth in it.

If the songs used are without spirit or meaning, or are inappropriate, the worship generally is formal.

There is a power in sacred music, which, if skilfully used, is irresistible. Hence the revival and social prayer-meeting especially should be accompanied with appropriate songs, such as express the feelings and desires of the worshipers.

We think the "West Virginia Gems" will be a welcome visitor in such meetings, as well as in the

family circle.

The only apology that we offer for publishing this little unpretending volume is, that we wish to benefit the people.

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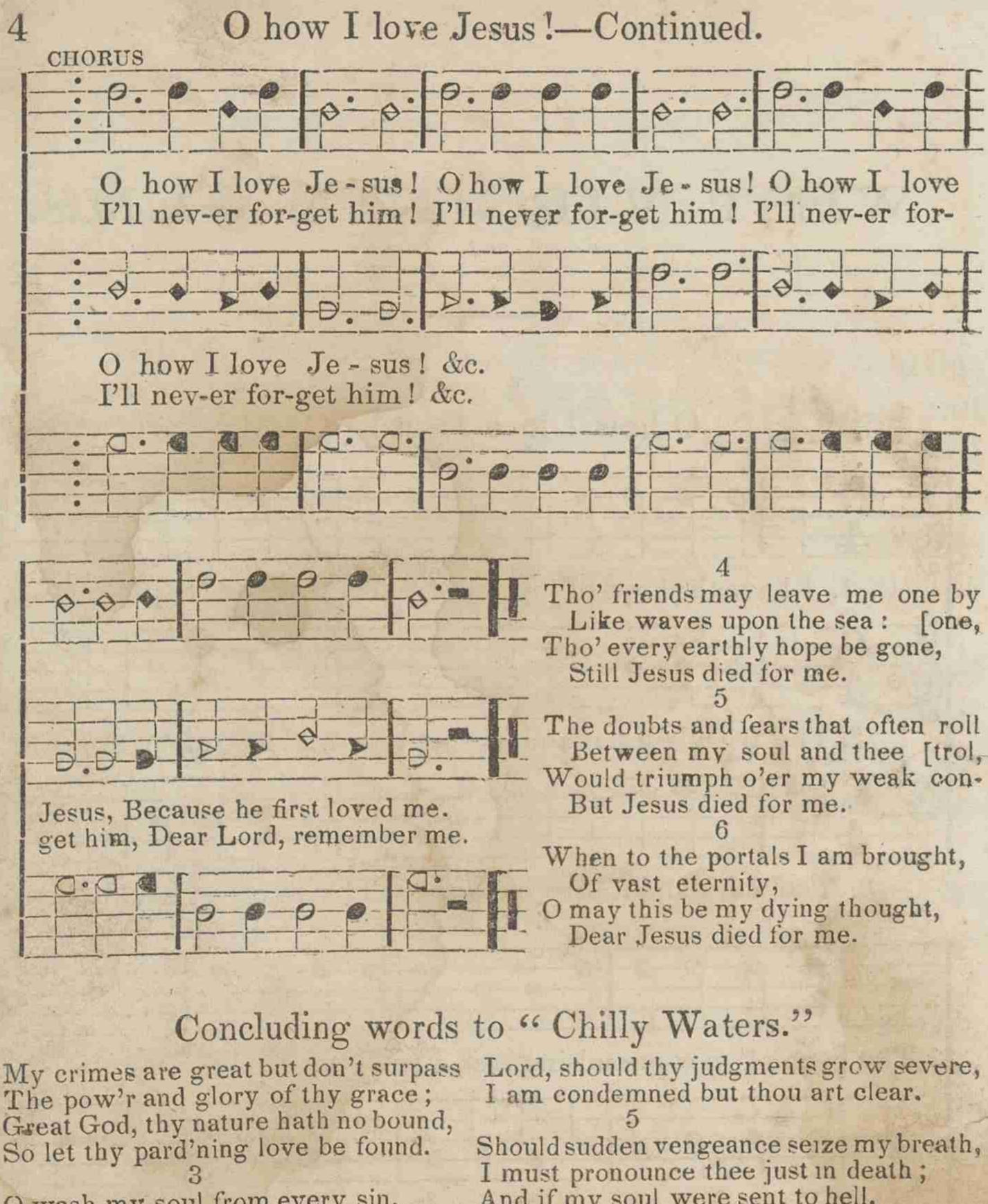
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O wash my soul from every sin, And make my guilty conscience clean; Thy righteous law approves it well. Here on my heart the burden lies, And past offences pain mine eyes.

My lips with shame my sins confess, Against thy law, against thy grace;

And if my soul were sent to hell,

Yet save a trembling sinner, Lord, Whose hope still hov'ring round thy word Would light on some sweet promise there, Some sure support against despair.



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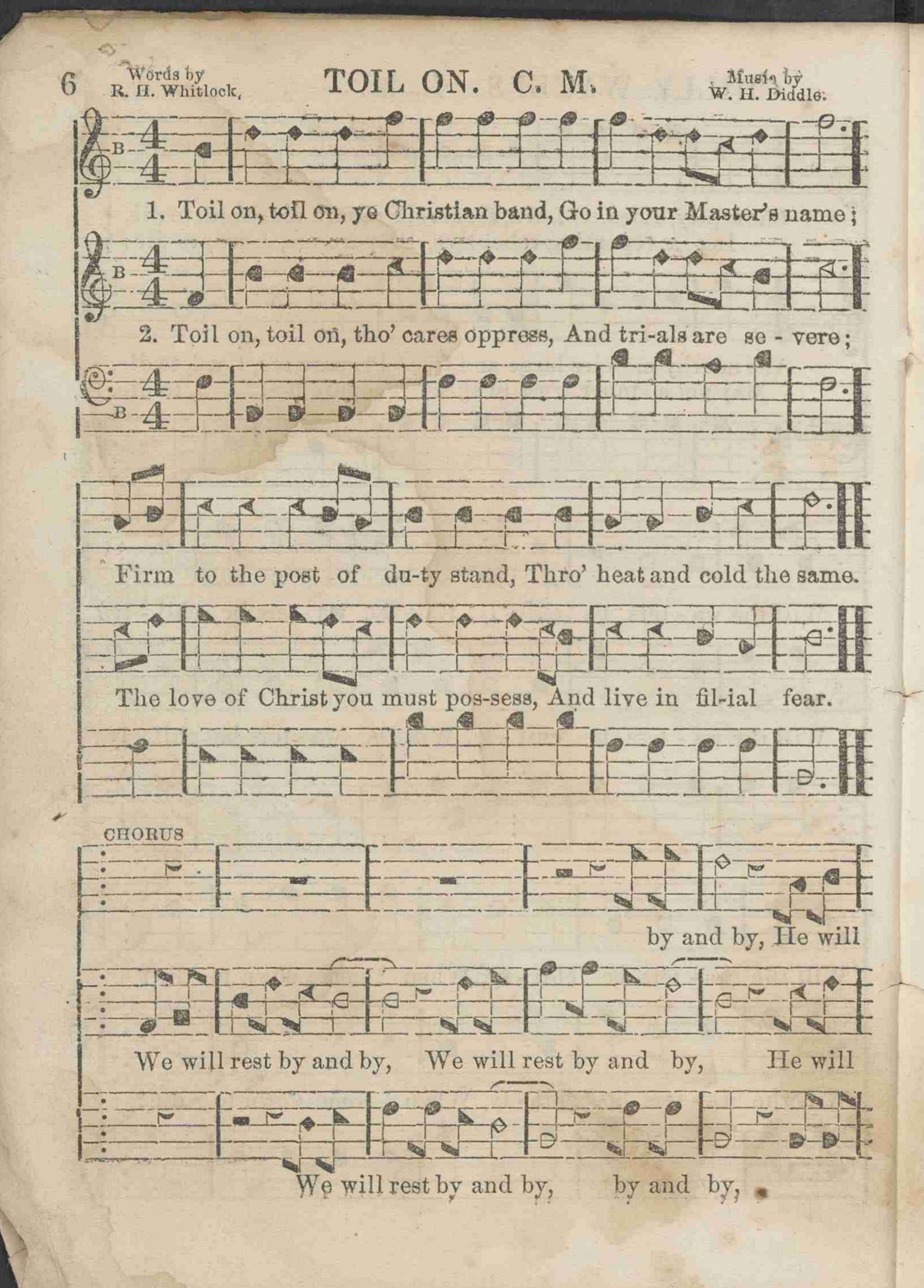
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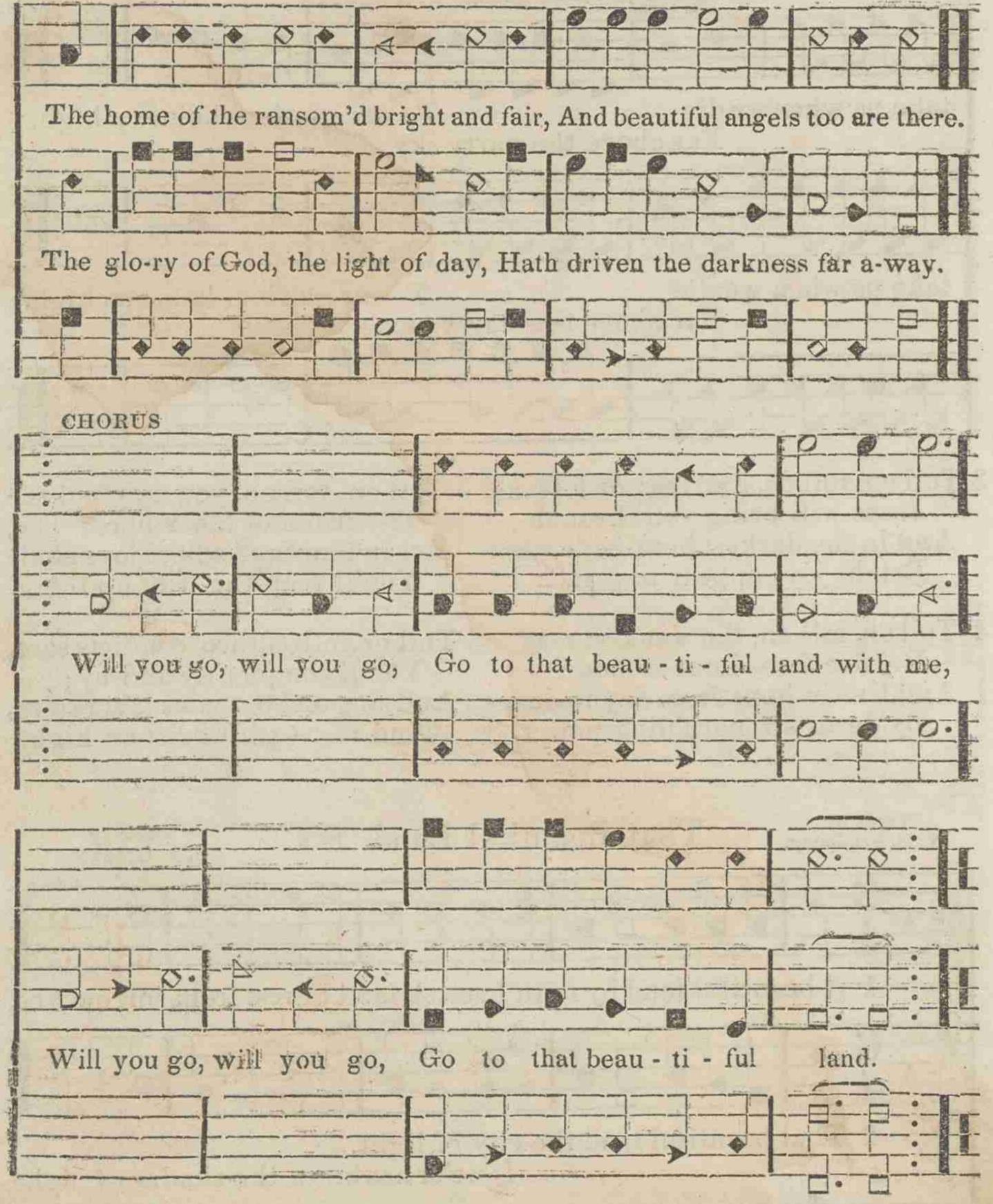




- 3 Toil on, toil on, tho' friends forsake, 5 Toil on, toil on, you may not see Jesus will bring you through; The fruits of labor here; [be, And in the darkest hour he'll make But in that land where joys shall You'll reap the fruit up there. Bright joys appear to you.
- 4 Toil on, toil on, the weakest may 6 Toil on, toil on, thro' conflicts sore, Rejoice from hour to hour, And live in hope from day to day, By Jesus strength'ning power.
- You'll conquer by and by; And sing & shout your labors o'er, And rest with Christ on high.



#### That Beautiful Land-Continued.



- In vision I see its streets of gold, 4 Its beautiful gates I too behold, The river of life, the crystal sea, The ambrosial fruit of life's fair tree.
- 4 The heavenly throng arrayed in white, In rapture range the plains of light, In one harmonious choir they praise Their glorious Savior's matchless grace.

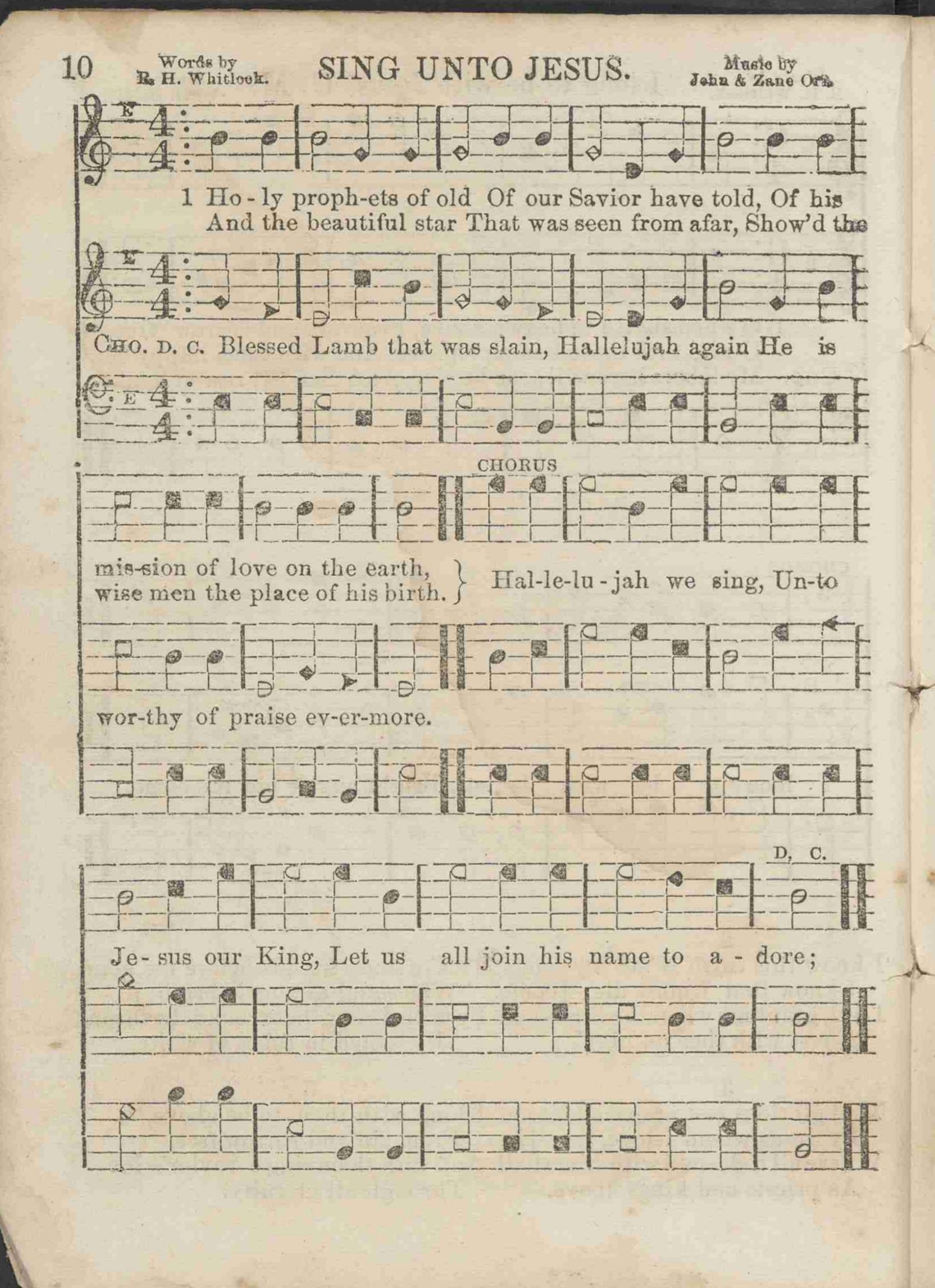




I know this earth is not my home, I have some friends before me gone,
I know that I must die; [come, Who stand as angels bright;
Lord, grant me when the time shall By faith I view them round the throne
A rest with thee on high.

All clothed in robes of white.

That glorious rest prepared for me I long with them to be above,
By Jesus whom I love, [be From sin and sorrow free,
Where all redeem'd with him shall And with them sing a Savior's love,
As priests and kings above. Through all eternity.



2 When the angels were sent, Oh how swiftly they went,

To convey to the shepherds the news;

And the wise men, we're told, Opened treasures of gold,

And presented the King of the Jews.

6 When the King had deceased, Then was Jesus released,

"From Egypt the Lord called his Son;"

Then "Prepare ye the way,"

The Messiah to obey, John the Baptist his preaching begun.

3 When the Lord did appear To the wise men so near,

In a vision He warned them to know,

That King Herod would seek The child Jesus so meek,

Whom they found in the manger He trusted his Father, we know. so low.

7 Soon did Jesus begin His reproval of sin,

And his preaching and sufferings below

Though the way did appear Through temptation severe,

4 They acknowledged the Lord, 8 "It is finishen," He cried, And obeyed his word, And returned to their homes far

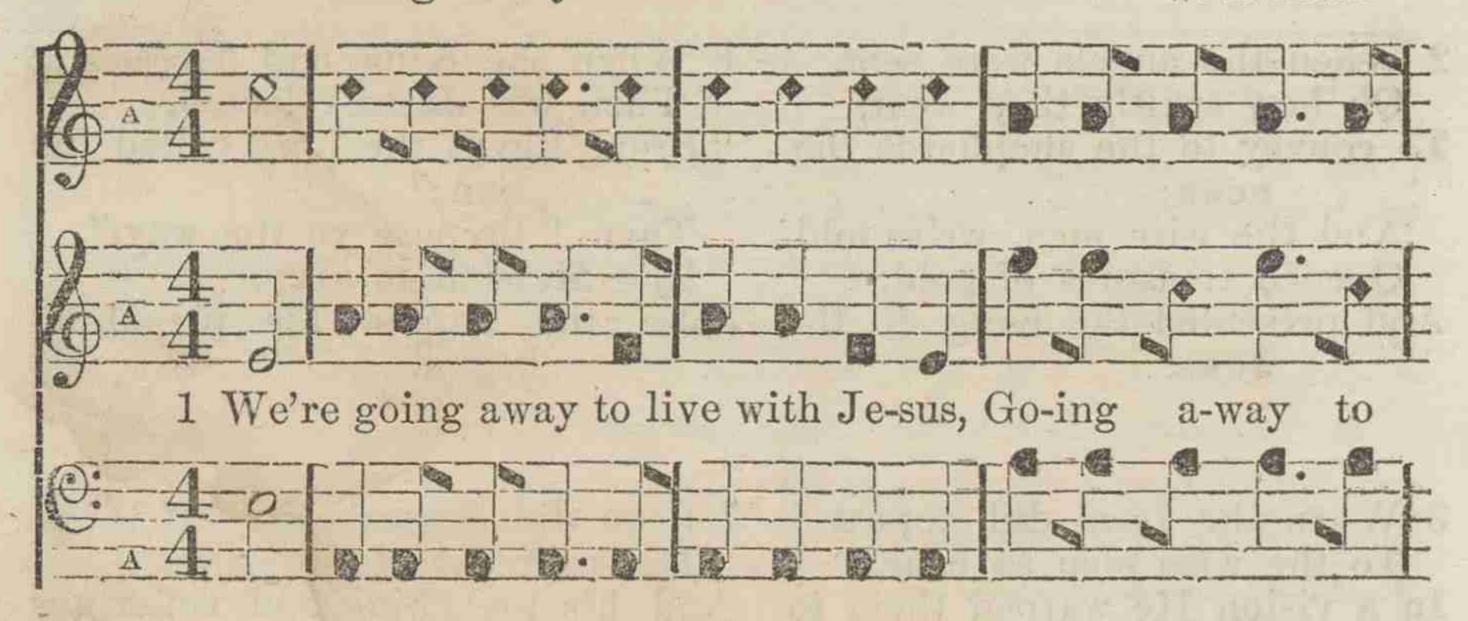
away; Then King Herod, enraged, All his powers engaged, The holy Messiah to slay.

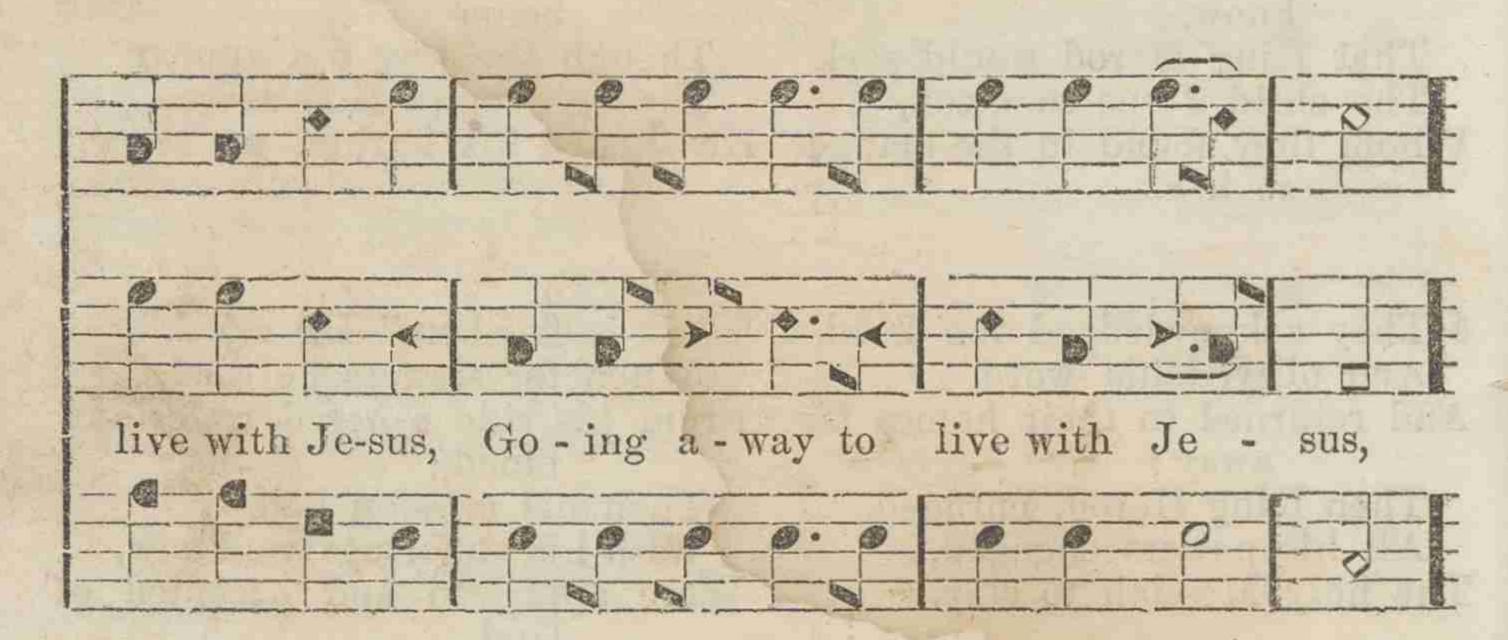
When for sinners he died, From his side ushered water and blood;

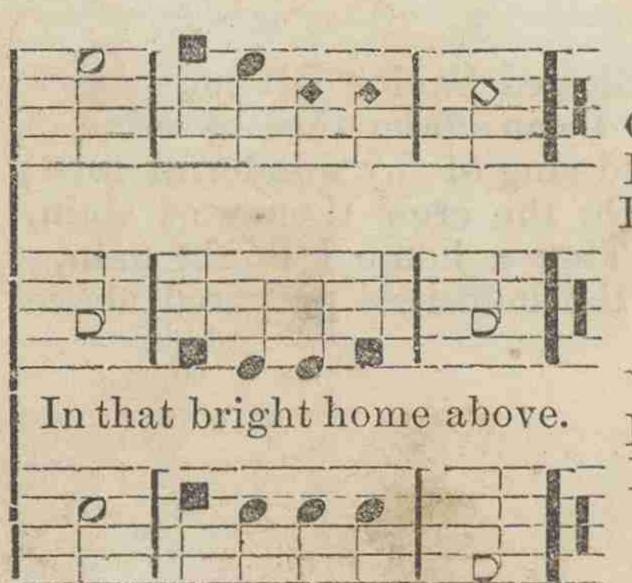
Then his mission below, With his sufferings we know, Were approved and accepted of God.

5 But the Lord who foreknew What King Herod would do, Had prepared for the Savior a way And sing of thy wonderful love; Into Egypt's dark land, And remain there while bidden to In the mansions prepared above. stay.

9 Blessed Savior Divine, I can claim thee as mine, To escape from his hand, On the cross thou wast slain, That a home I might gain,



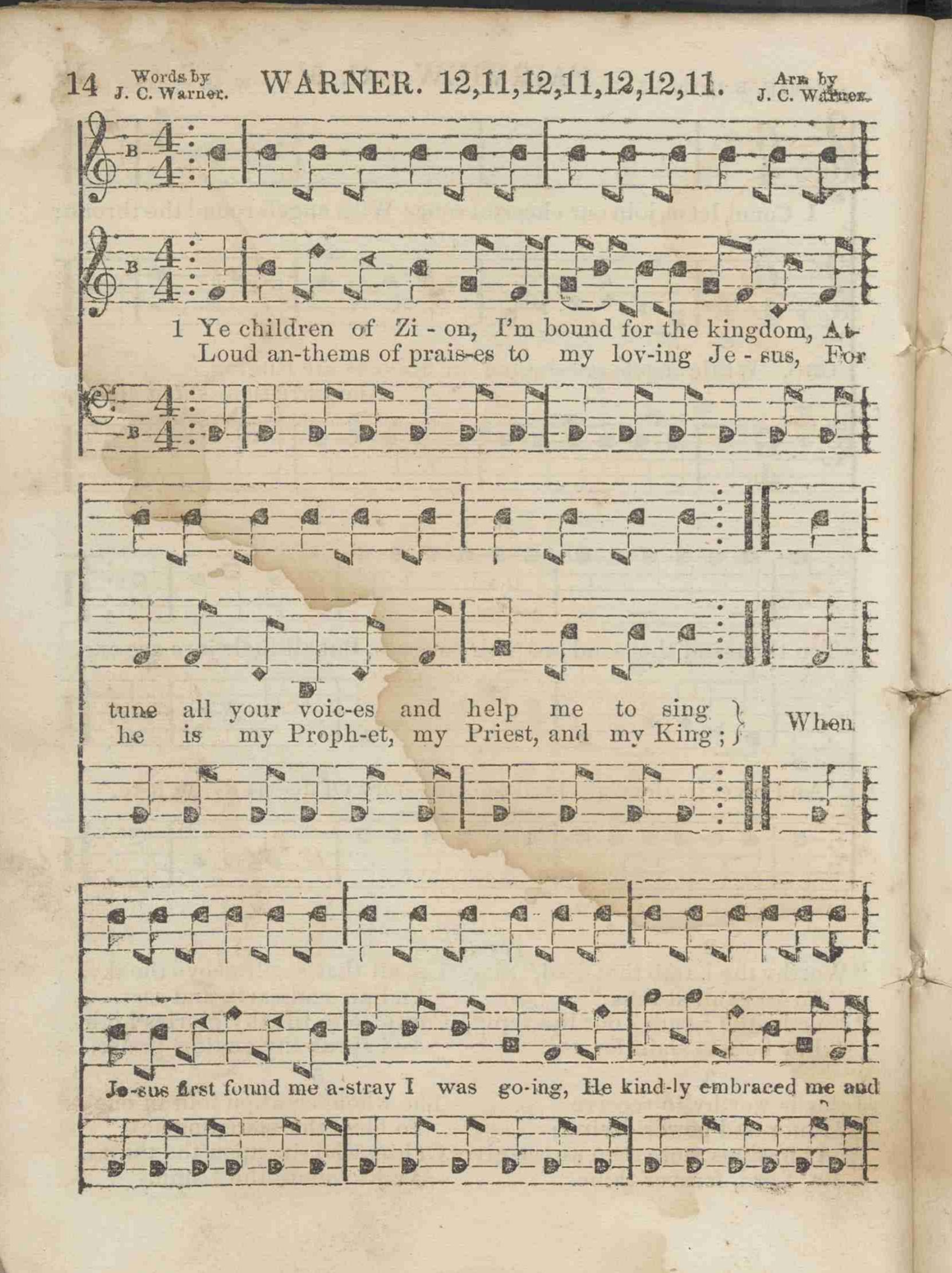


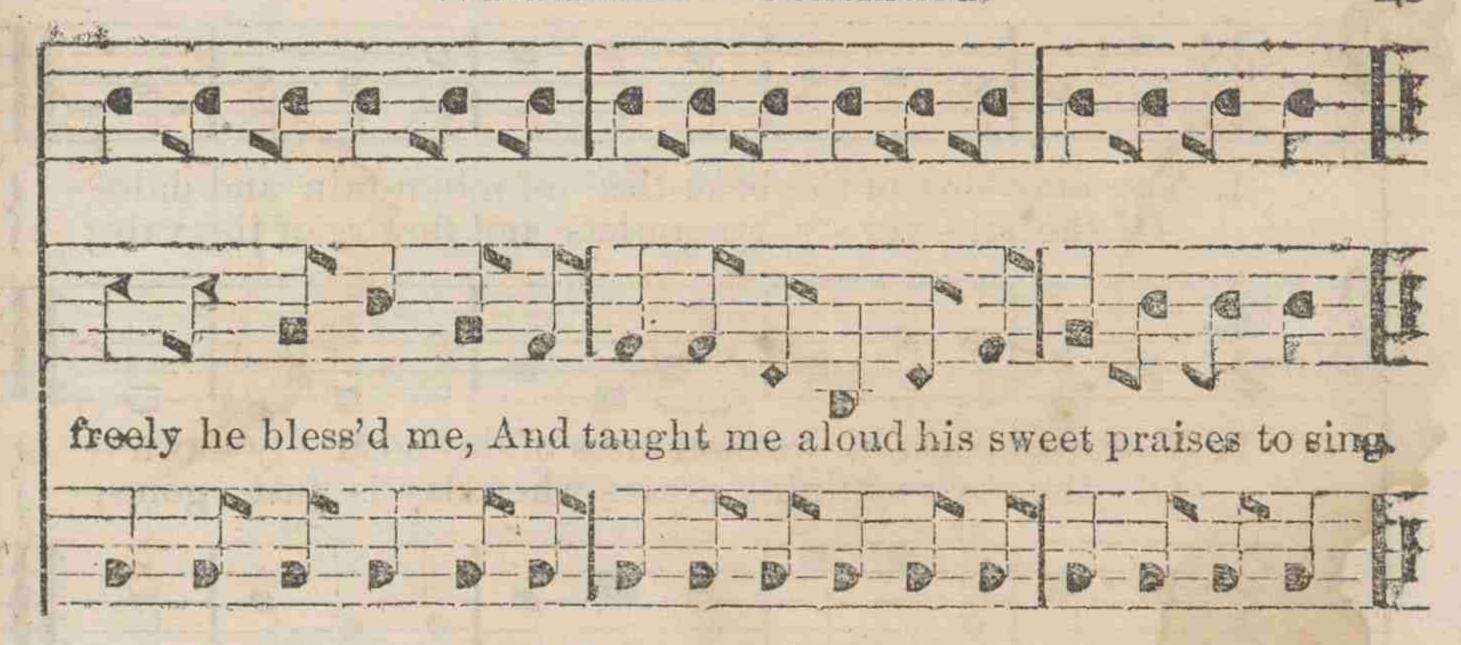


O fathers, will you go to live with Jesus?
Fathers, will you go to live with Jesus?
Fathers, will you go to live with Jesus?
In that bright home above.

Yes, I will go to live with Jesus,
I will go to live with Jesus,
I will go to live with Jesus,
In that bright home above.

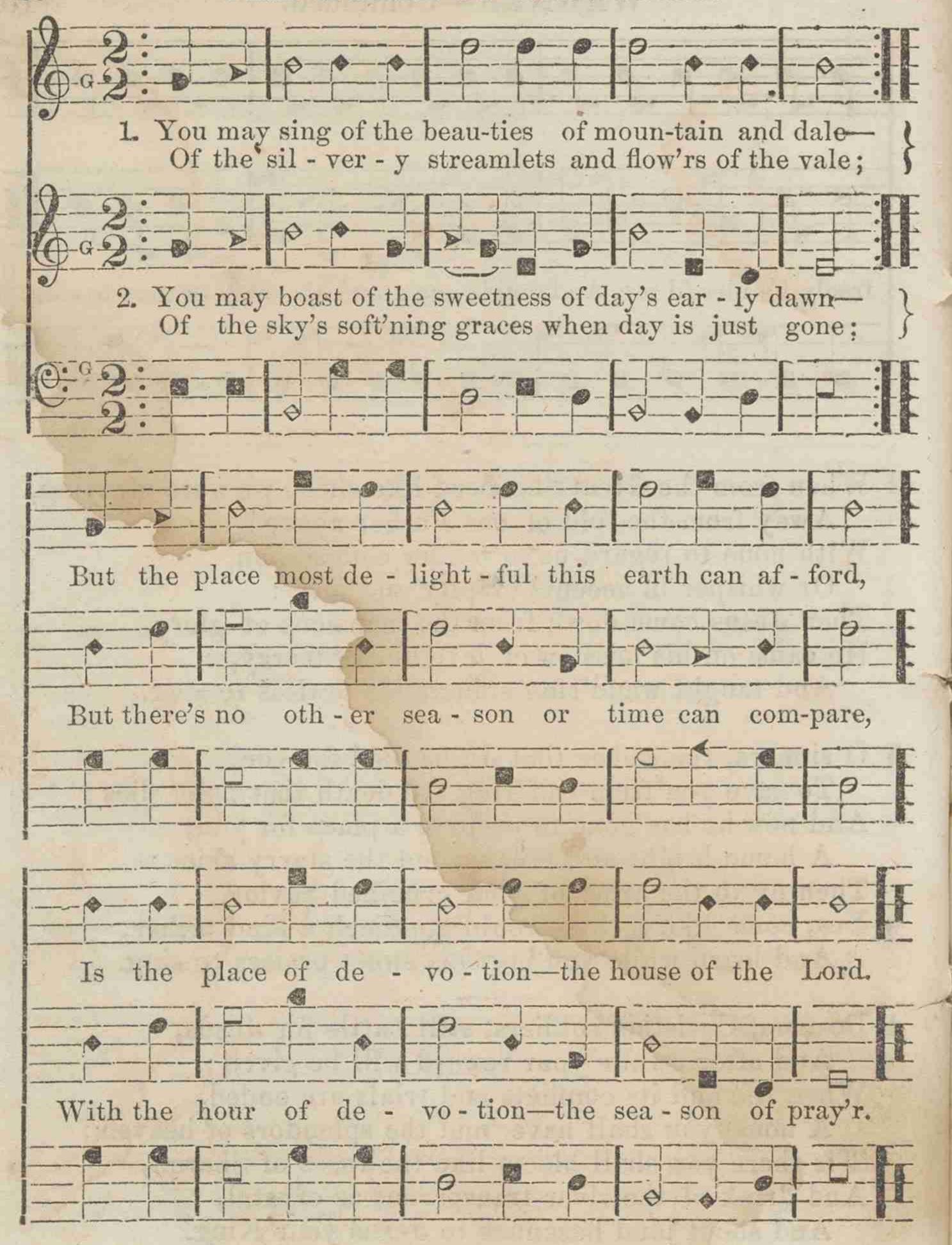






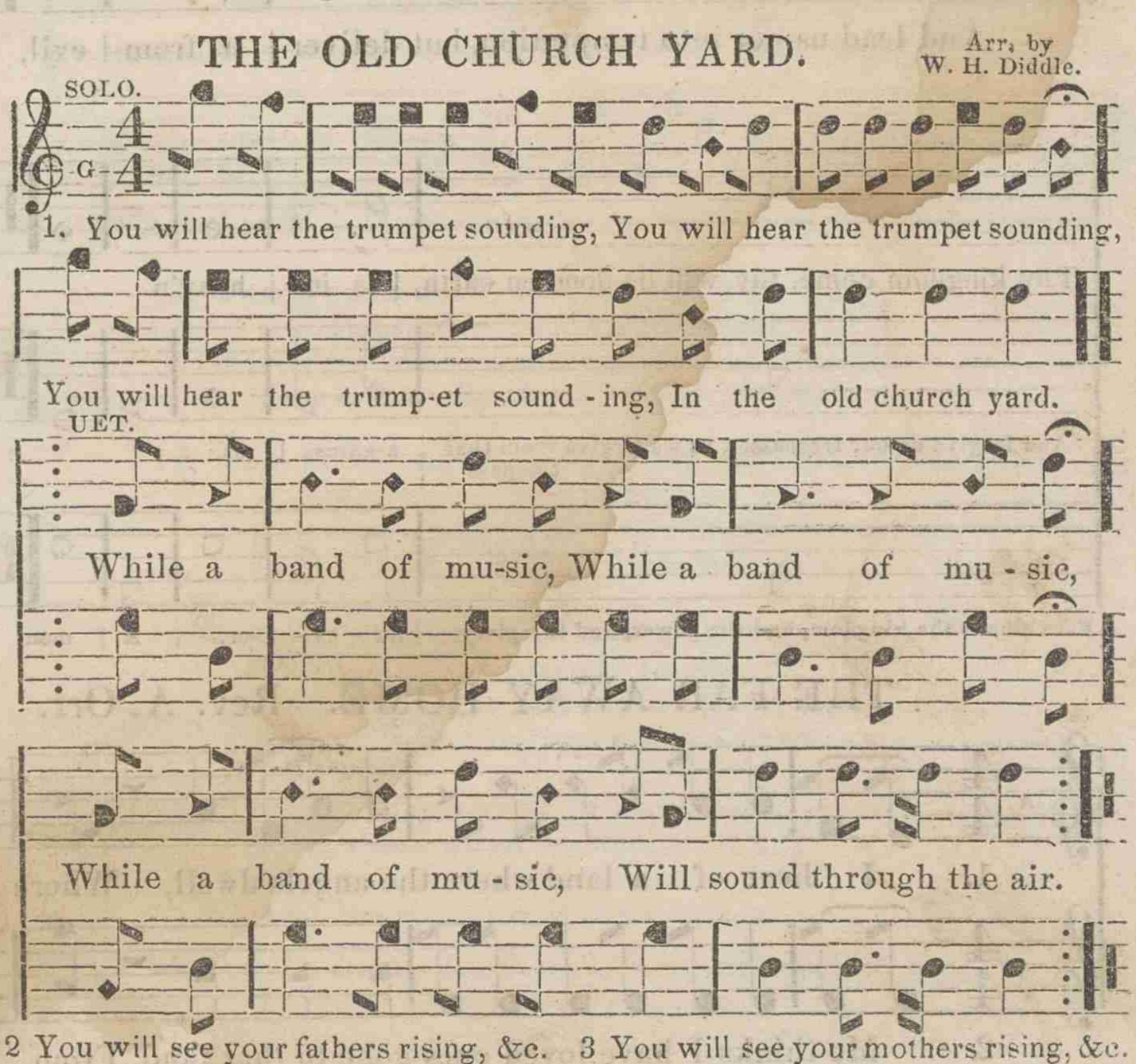
- 2 When from the Great Shepherd like sheep we were straying,
  Away from the fold of our Father above;
  With none to regard us in tender compassion,
  Or whisper in accents of pity and love:
  Then Jesus came down from the mansions of glory,
  He came on his mission of love and of mercy,
  And taught wand'ring sinners his praises to sing.
- To save you from suff'ring the death that ne'er dies;
  And now he has gone to prepare a place for you,
  A home bright and fair beyond the starry skies:
  Then fly to the arms of your crucified Savior,
  Yes, come like a child would approach a kind father,
  And learn while you may his sweet praises to sing.
- And after awhile your reward will be given;
  When life and its conflicts and trials are ended,
  A home you shall have 'mid the splendors of heaven:
  Tis there you shall bloom like the roses of Sharon,
  And drink of the river transparent as crystal,
  And shout loud hosannas to Jesus your King.

#### THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.



- 3. You man value the friendships of youth and of age,
  And select for your comrades the noble and sage;
  But the friends that most cheer me on life's rugged road
  Are the friends of my Master—the children of God.
- 4. You may talk of your prospects, of fame and of wealth, Of the hopes which so flatter the fav'rites of health; But the hope of bright glory—of heavenly bliss,—

  Take away every other and give me but this.
- 5. Ever hail! blessed temple, abode of my Lord,
  I will turn to thee often, and learn from his word:
  I will walk to thy altars with those that I love,
  And delight in the prospects revealed from above.



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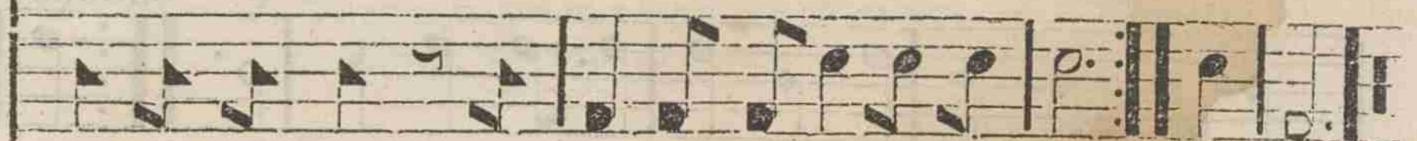
Me-thinks I have loved ones gone to that land, From



sorrow & care they are free; With crowns on their heads & with harps



ter-nal-ly swell, O'er fields which immortally bloom, - ly bloom.



in their hands, They are sing-ing and waiting for me, for me.

- 3. I long to be there with the saints far away,
  Where pilgrims forever shall rest,
  And sing Jesus' praise through endless days,
  And meet with the friends I love best.
- 4. Though through trials gloomy and dark I must pass,
  To gain that celestial abode,
  I victorious shall be through the Savior at last,
  In that land ever live there with God.
- 5. Soon on Jordan's dark and gloomy shore
  We all shall be brought to stand;
  But beyond her flood we shall die no more,
  And we'll live in the promised land.
- 6. There, O there, we shall rest on that peaceful shere,
  With those whom we love so dear;
  And in that land we will part no more,
  And the Savior will dry every tear.
- 7. To the Lamb that was slain we will sing as we rove,
  Through Eden's beautiful bowers;
  While prophets, apostles and martyrs above,
  Sing his praise, this theme shall be ours.

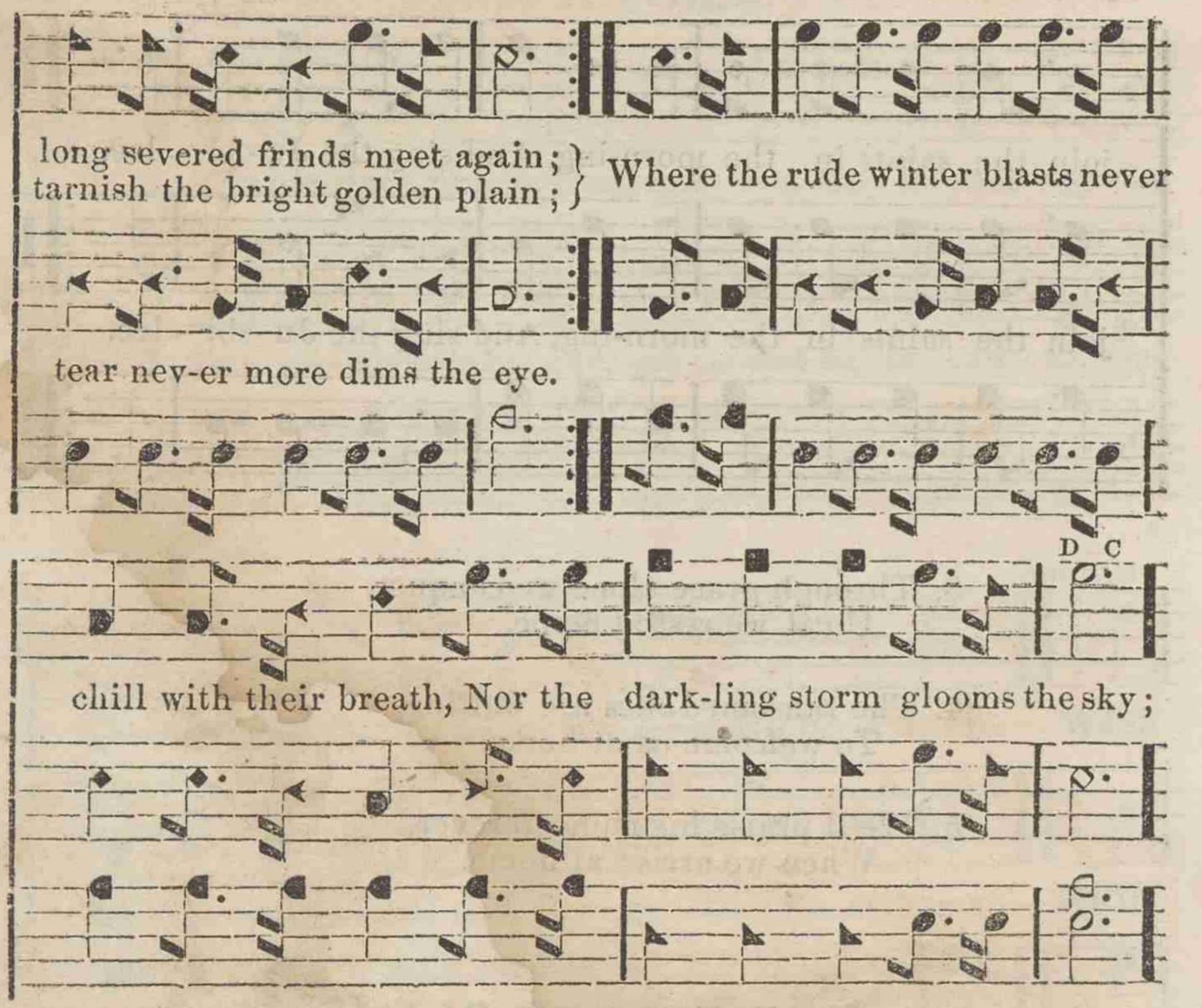




- 3. Through grace alone we conquer, Until we rest at home.
- 4. The ransomed ones are waiting,
  To welcome us at home.
- 5. We'll praise his name forever, When we arrive at home.

#### THE GOLDEN PLAIN.





2. To that golden shore some dear ones have gone,
And we trust we shall meet them again,
When that glorious morn in lustre shall dawn,
And we stand on the bright golden plain;
By the river of Life, in the City of Light,
We shall roam with the loved ones above;
And with angels bright through time's ceaseless flight,
We shall sing of a dear Savior's love.

3. There are mansions the Savior has gone to prepare,
Where the saints may forever remain;
And those glorious mansions with him we may share,
And we'll roam o'er the bright Golden Plain.
With the friends gone before, be united once more,
We will join in a concert of praise;
And we'll sing ever more, on the bright golden shore,
While our loud hallelujahs we'll raise,



The holy ones on earth below, Will wing their flight and apward go.

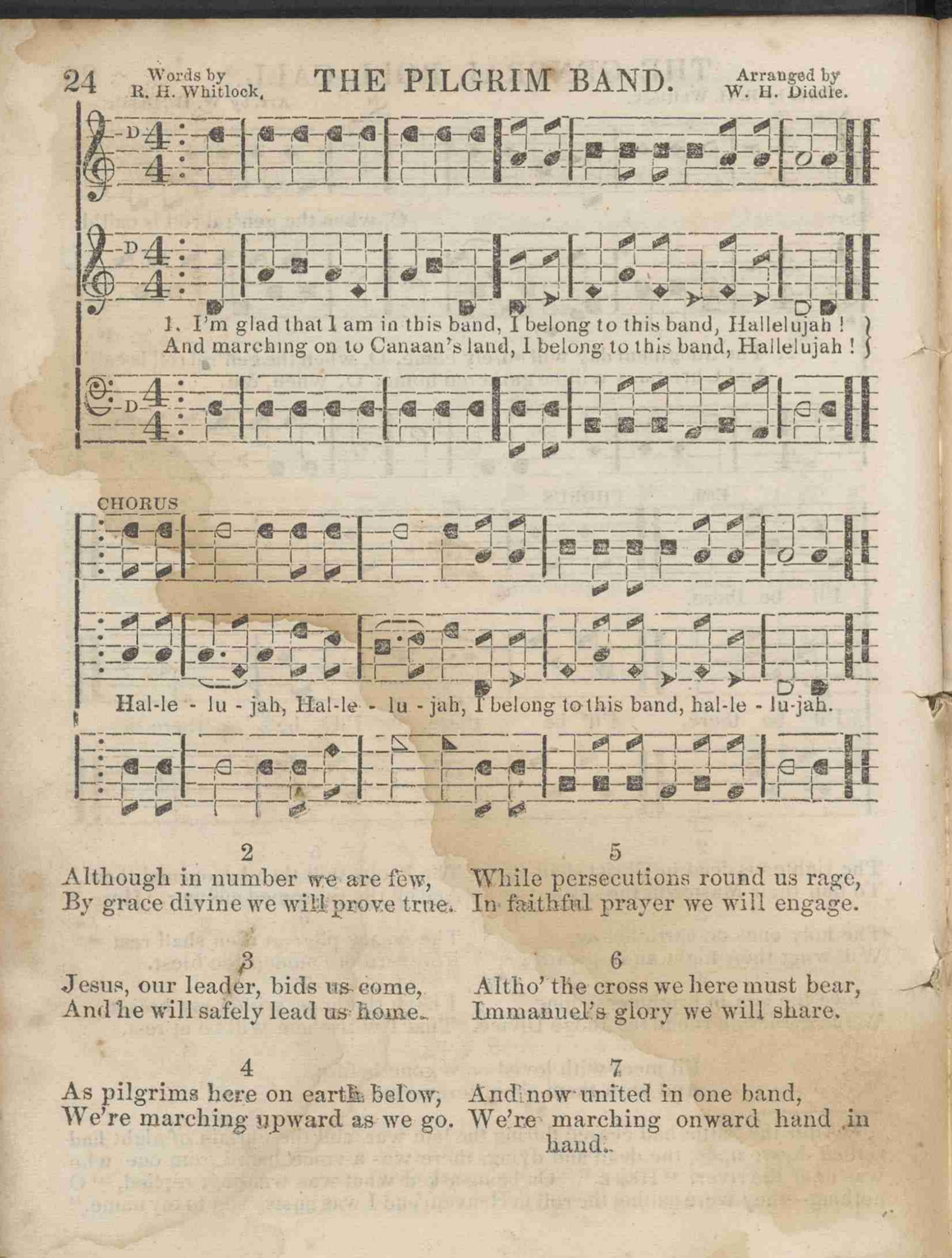
Above the sun in brightness shine, While gathering round the Judge Divine. That I with them will be at rest.

The weary pilgrim then shall rest Forevermore among the blest.

I have the hope within my breast,

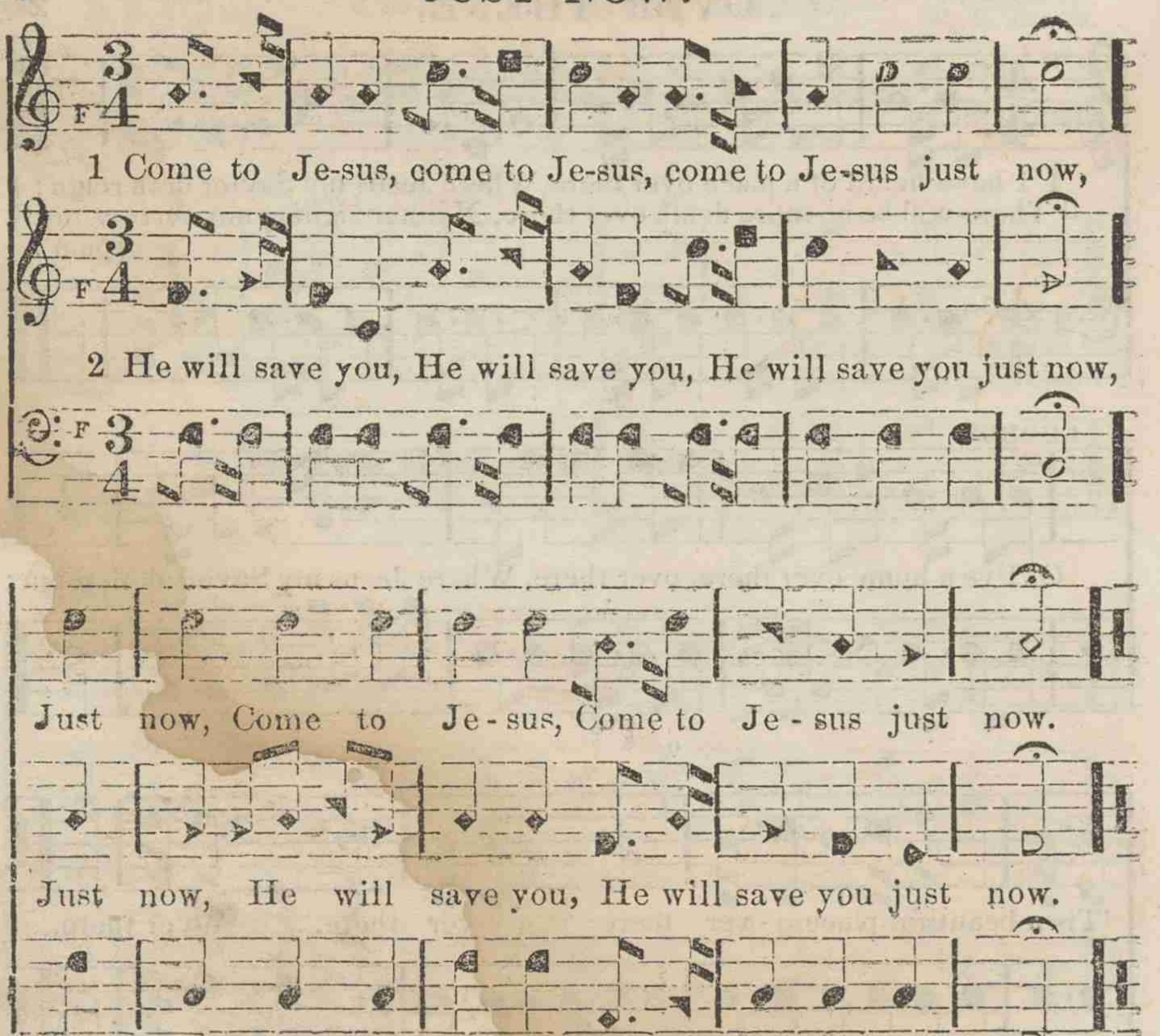
I'll meet with loved ones gone before, And with them shout forevermore.

<sup>\*</sup> After the battle had ceased during the late war, and the curtain of night had settled down upon the dead and dying, there was a voice heard from one who was near the river, "HERE." On being asked what was wanting, replied, "O nothing-they were calling the roll in Heaven, and I was answering to my name."





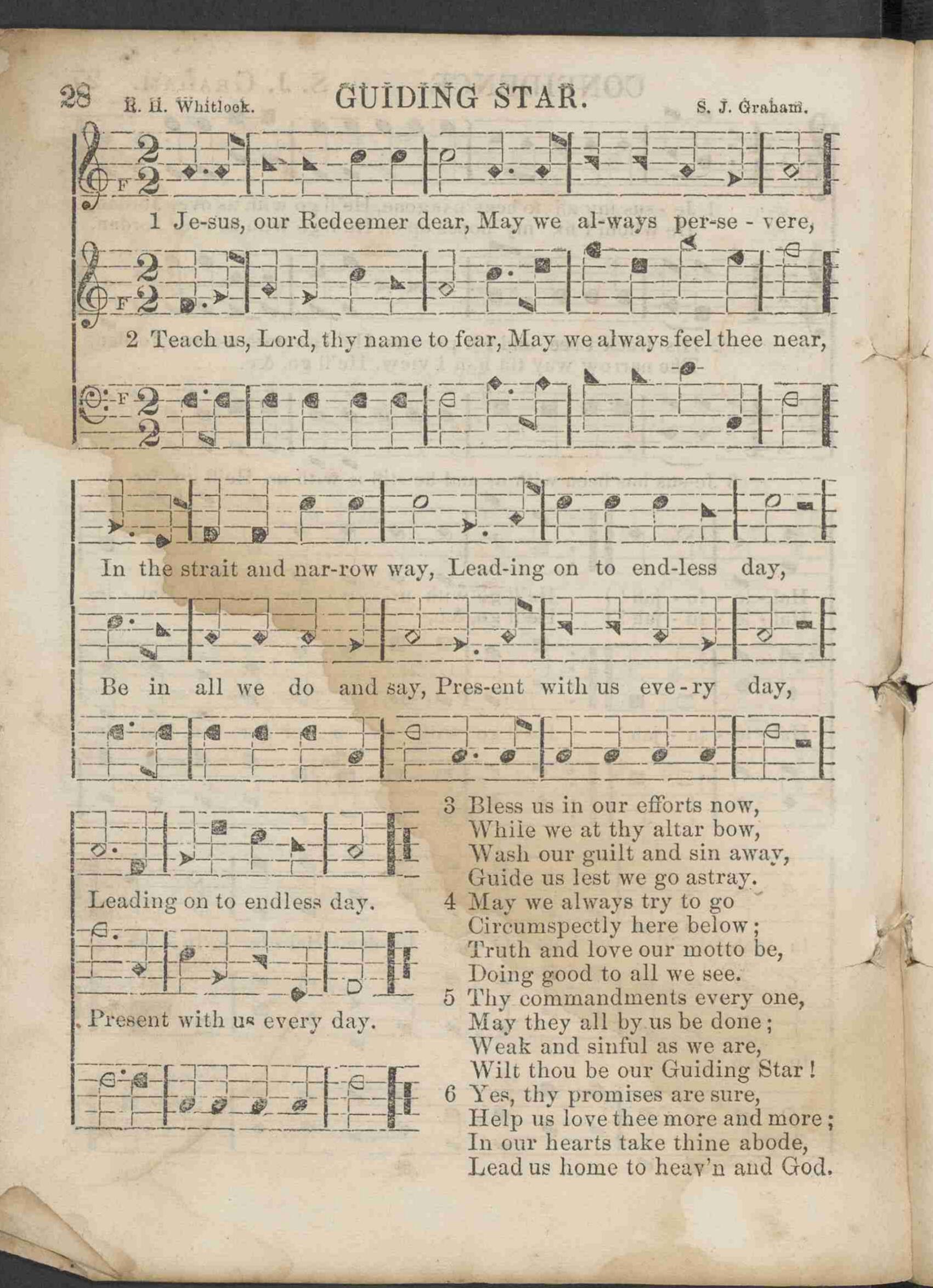
- 2 I have friends that have gone over there,
  And I hope to rejoin them again;
  How delightful to meet over there,
  And with loved ones forever remain.
- 3 There are angels that sing over there,
  How pleasant their singing must be;
  There are crowns for the faithful to wear,
  And I trust there's a bright one for me.
- 4 There are mansions for all over there,
  For the poor and the homeless below;
  There is room for the world over there,
  And the Savior invites all to go.



- 3 He is able just now.
- 4 He is willing just now,
- 5 He'll receive you just now.
- 6 Flee to Jesus just now.
- 7 Call unto him just now.
- 8 He will hear you just now.
- 9 He'll forgive you just now.

- 10 O believe him just now.
- 11 Only trust him just now.
- 12 Don't reject him just now.
- 13 He'll renew you just now,
- 14 Jesus loves you just now,
- 15 Mercy on me just now.







The pleasant fields of paradise,
So glorious to behold;
The valleys clad in living green,
The mountains paved with gold:

The trees of life with heav'nly fruit, Behold, how rich they stand;

Blow, gentle gales, and bear my soul To Canaan's happy land.

Already to my raptured sight
The blissful fields arise; [store,
And plenty spreads her smiling
Inviting to my eyes:

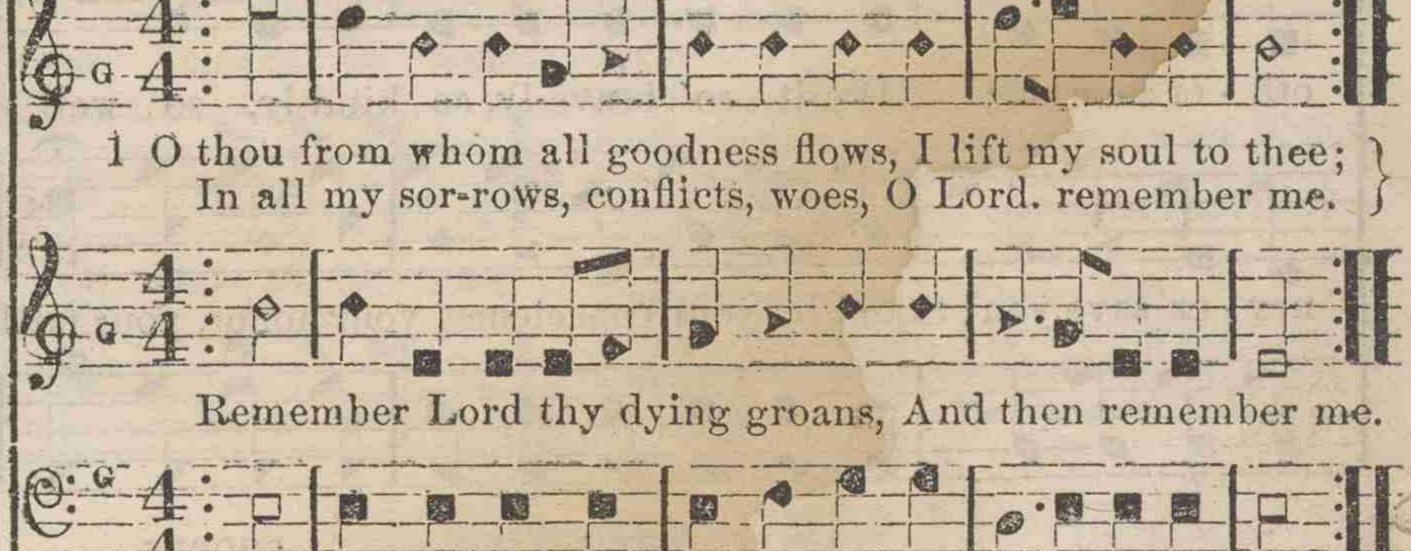
O sweet abode of endless rest, I soon shall travel there; Nor earth nor all her empty joys Shall long detain me here.

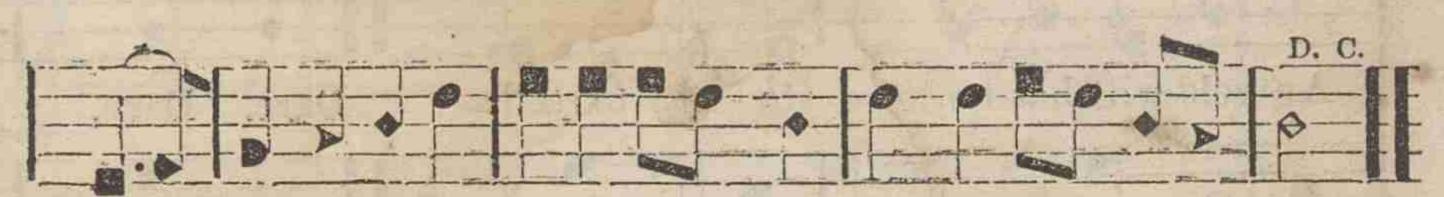
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I know I'm weak, I know I'm vile, But mer-cy's all my plea; When with an aching burdened heart, O, let my strength be as my day-I seek relief of thee, O Lord, remember me.

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When trials sore obstruct my way, And ills I cannot flee,

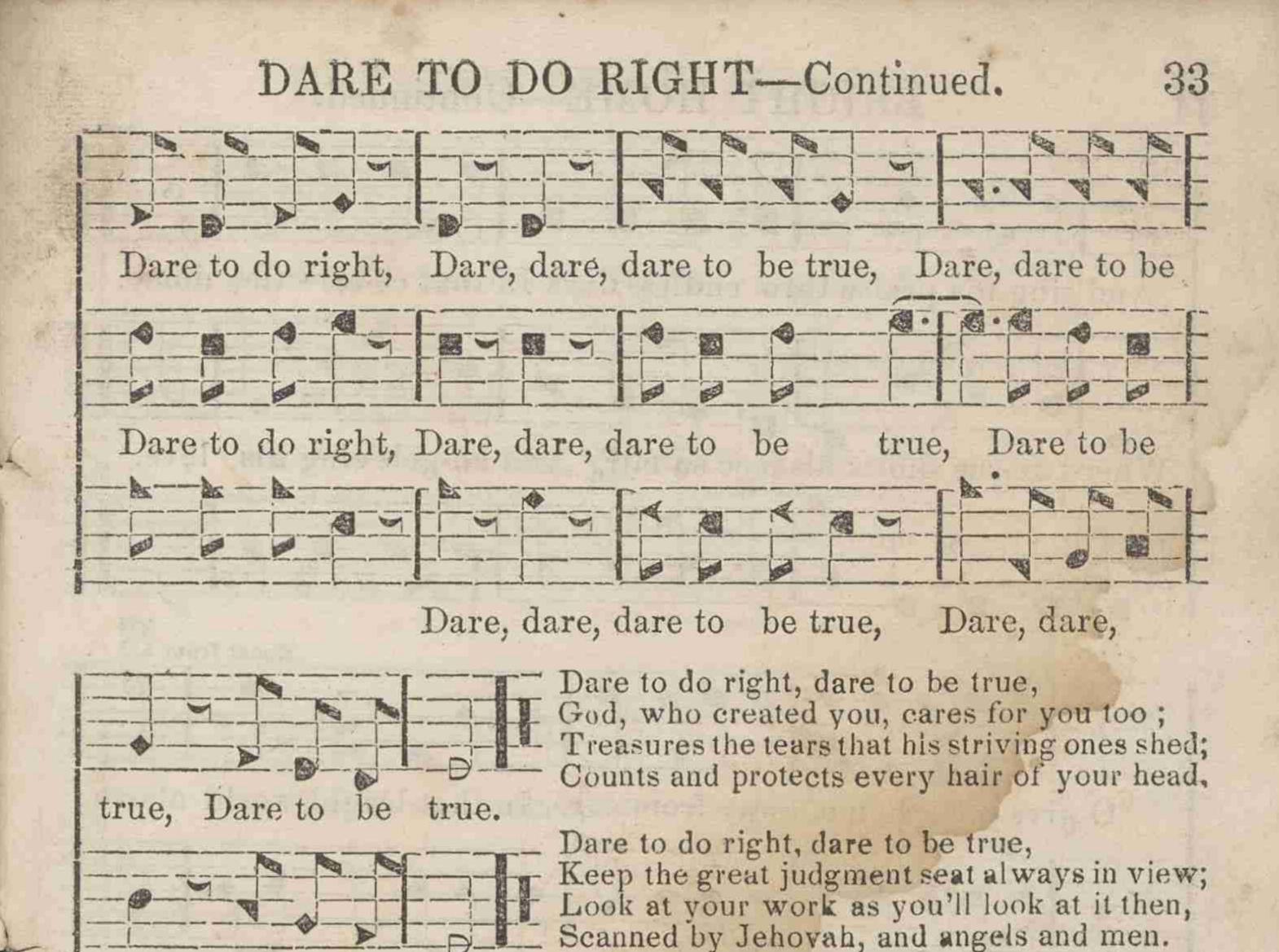
O Lord, remember me

Thy pardon grant, new peace im-

When in the solemn hour of death, I wait thy just decree, Be this the prayer of my last breath O Lore remember me.



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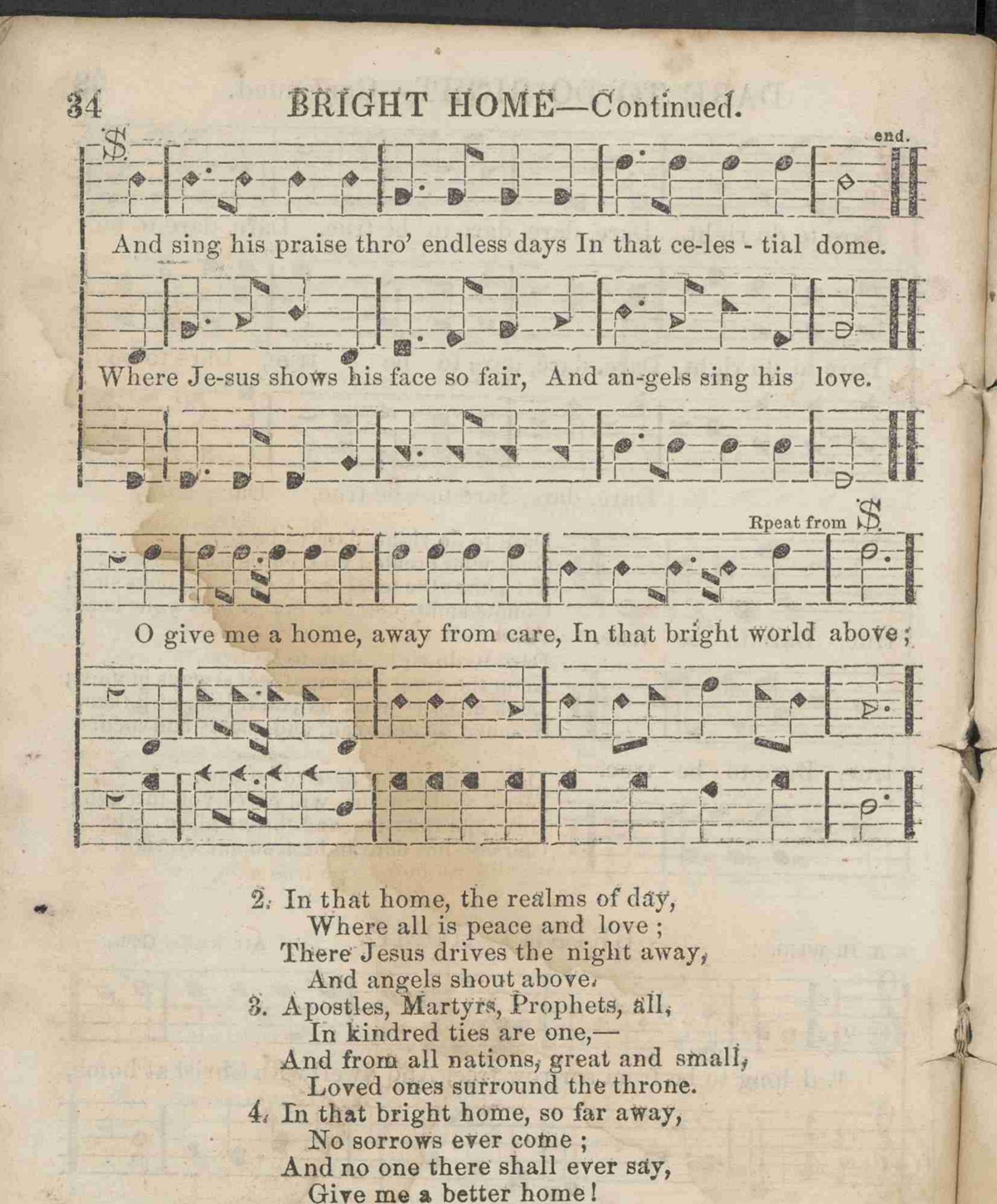
Dare to do right, dare to be true,
Jesus, your Savior, will carry you through;
City, and mansion, and throne all in sight,
Can you not dare to be true and do right?



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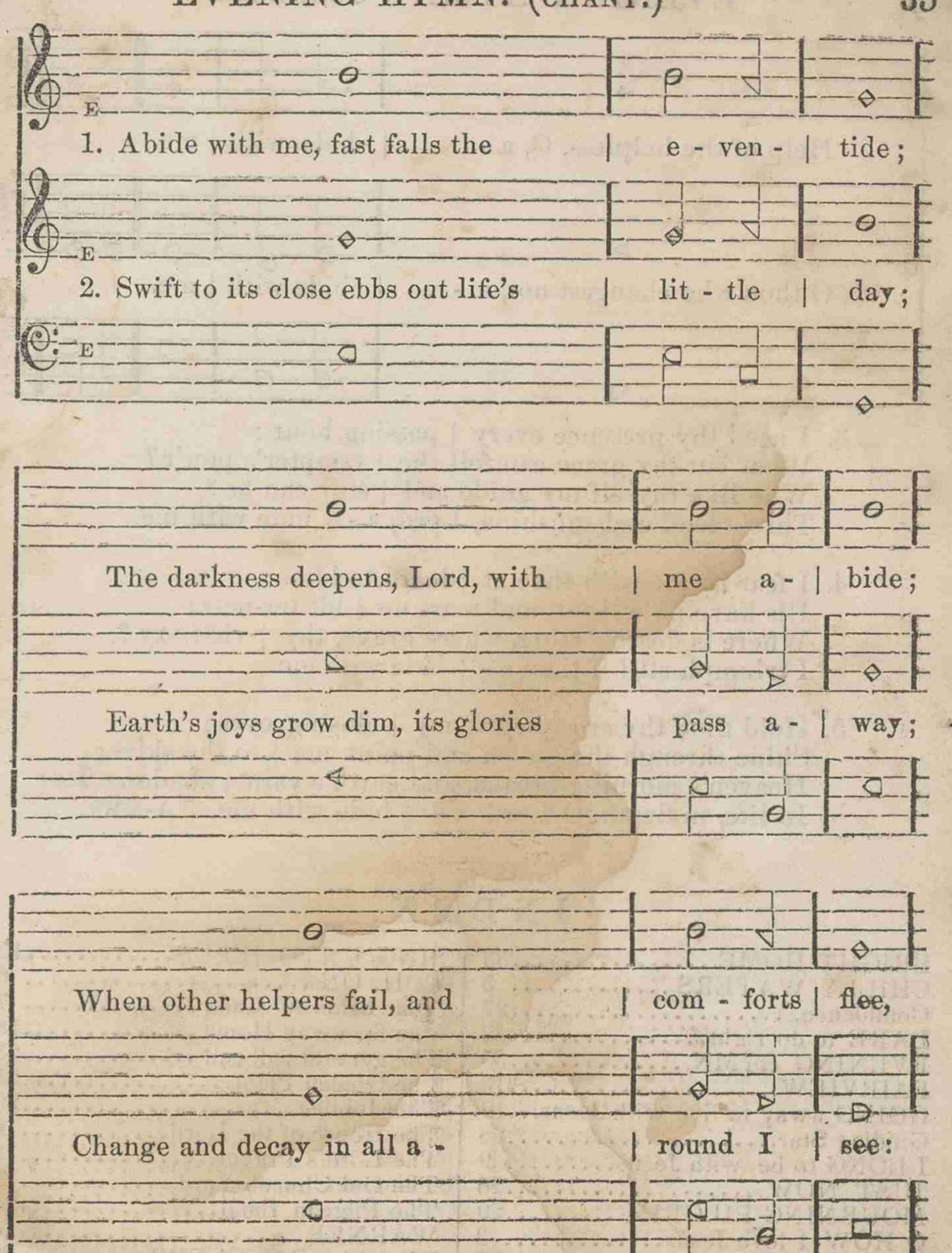


5. For in that home, so bright and fair,

And pleasures last forever there,-

Our joys complete shall be,

Through all eternity.





- 3. I need thy presence every | passing hour:
  What but thy grace can foil the | tempter's pow'r?
  Who like thyself my guide and | stay can be?
  Thro' cloud and sunshine, Lord, a | bide with me.
- 4. I fear no foe with thee at | hand to bless:
  Ills have no weight, and tears no | bit-ter-ness:
  Where is death's sting, where grave, thy | vic-to-ry?
  I triumph still if thou a | bide with me.
- 5. Hold thou thy cross before my | closing eyes;
  Shine through the gloom and point me | to the skies;
  Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain | shadows flee:
  In life, in death, O Lord, a | bide with me. | A-MEN.

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