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INTRODUCTION.

In presenting the "Gem of Gems," we shall not undertake to discuss its merits. We simply remark that our aim has been to make this book pre-eminently practical and useful, and a few suggestions regarding the manner of using it may not be out of place here.

The music does not require any very skillful teaching in order to insure its success. We claim, however, that the very best talent at the command of the church should be placed at the head of the Sunday School music. No general directions can be given that will meet the varied circumstances of the different schools, and very much must be left to the judgment and good taste of the chorister, who should use the talent at his command to the best possible advantage.

The music, as a rule, should be taken up in a rather quick, sprightly movement, and a great variety may be produced by having the hymn sung as a Solo, Quartette, or Semi-Chorus, when it has a Chorus, all joining in the Chorus. We would prefer, however, to have the hymn well sung by the whole school rather than indifferently rendered by a few voices.

A very pleasing ending may be produced by repeating the Chorus after the last verse of the hymn very softly, or after each verse, whether so marked or not. Full harmony is given to nearly every piece, which serves as an instrumental accompaniment when used as a Solo or Duet. A tune should not be discarded on account of its being marked as a Solo or Duet: when it cannot be thus used have it sung by the whole school. Special attention has been given to selections suitable for Sunday School Concerts and Anniversaries, and we believe that herein will be found an abundant supply for special occasions to last any school several years.

The "GEM OF GEMS" is respectfully dedicated to all interested in Sunday School music.

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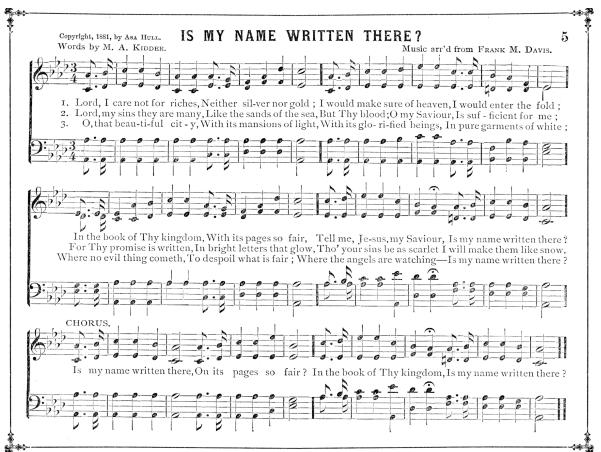
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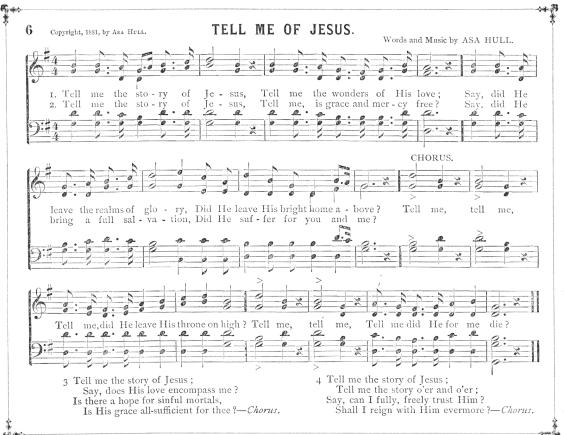


O'er valley and hill far away.—Chorus.

As on their blest mission they go. - Chorus.







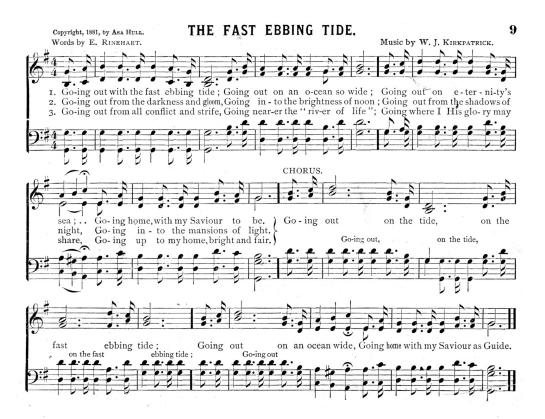


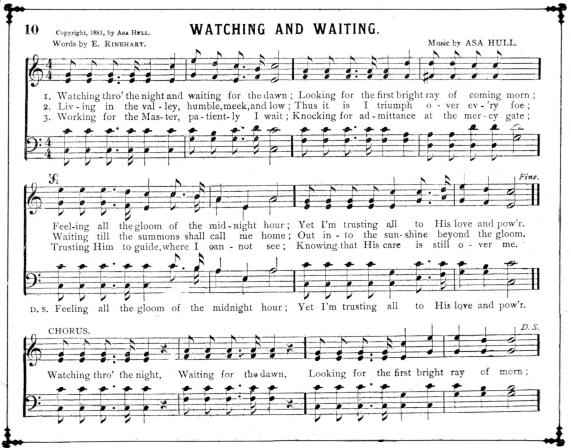


3 Our souls by faith may scale the mount, Upon its top may stand, And view with eager longing eyes The golden sunny land, — Chorus,

4 Though Jordan's cold and stormy waves
That land from us divide,
We know our Saviour's loving arms
Will bear us o'er the tide.—Chorus.







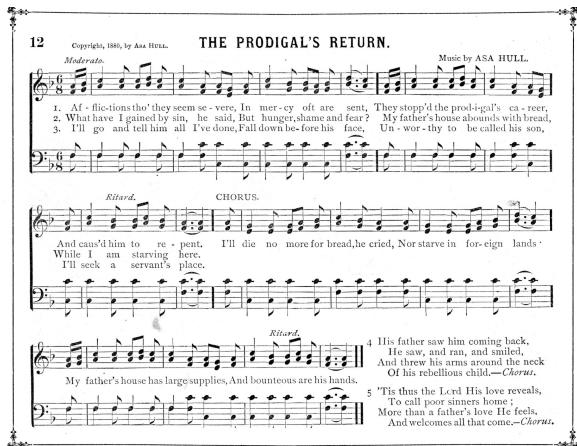


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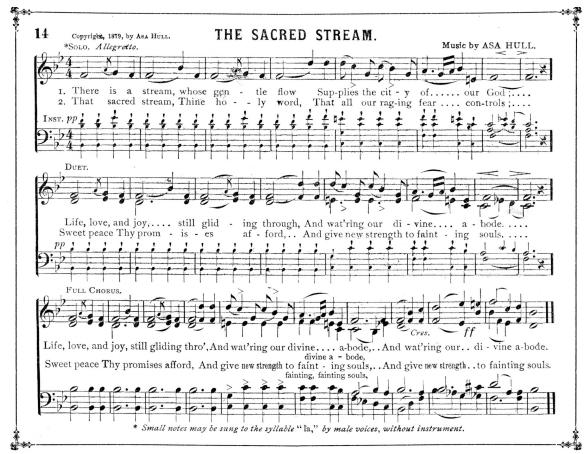


Leaving all things here below.—Chorus.

But eternal life for all. - Chorus.

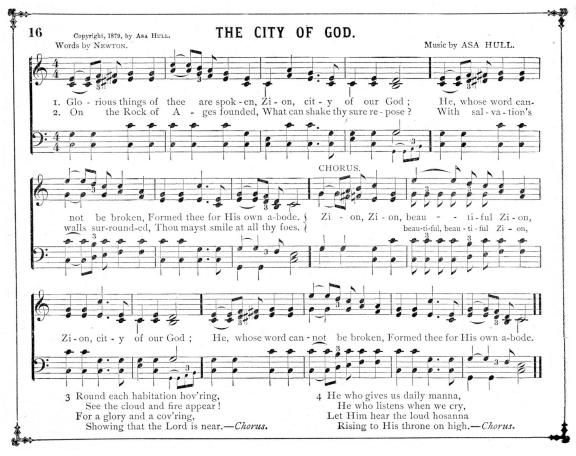




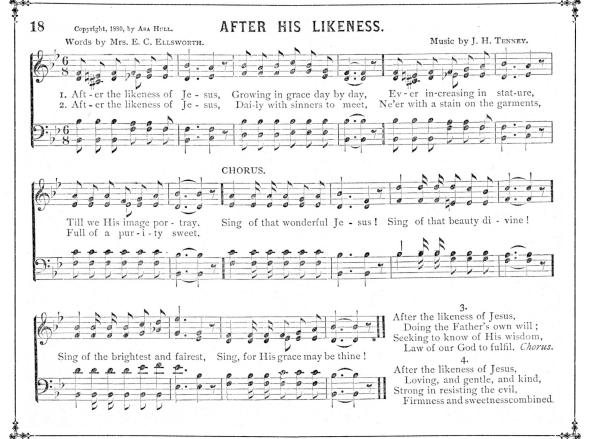


















ANYWHERE.



CONCLUSION OF THE SHINING WAY, OPPOSITE PAGE.

3 We are climbing Jacob's ladder, Step by step and day by day, Sometimes weary, sometimes stumbling, But we hear the Master say— He who to the end endureth, Lo! for him in heav'n awaits Golden harp and crown of glory, At the city's pearly gates.—Chorus. 4 So we're climbing up the ladder
Jacob saw in wondrous dreams,
Reaching up from earth to heaven,
Shining with celestial beams.
Angel hosts attend our footsteps,
Seraph voices cheer our way,
Heaven and home are drawing nearer,
Ev'ry hour and ev'ry day.—Chorus.

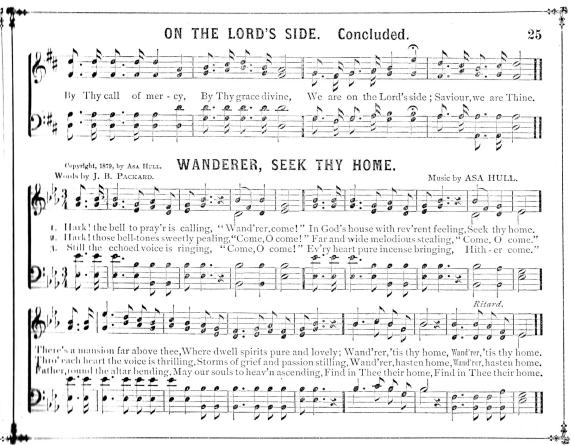


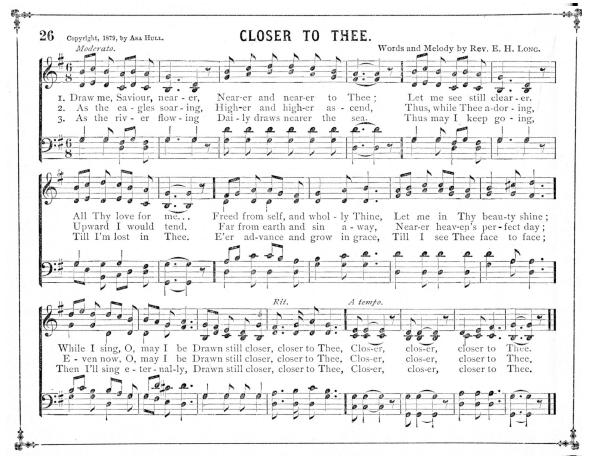
- 3 My time and my talents, my goods I resign To Thee, my dear Saviour, they always were Thine; O make me Thy steward in all things below, And wash me that I may be whiter than snow.—*Cho*,
- 4 My dwelling, though pitched in a wilderness here, To me will be Eden, if Thou, Lord, art near; Thy presence is life everlasting, I know, Thy blood, it hath cleansed me, I'm whiter than snow.

KNOCKING AT THE DOOR.



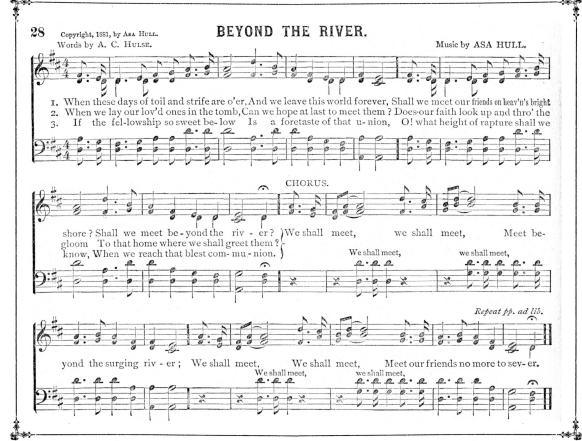






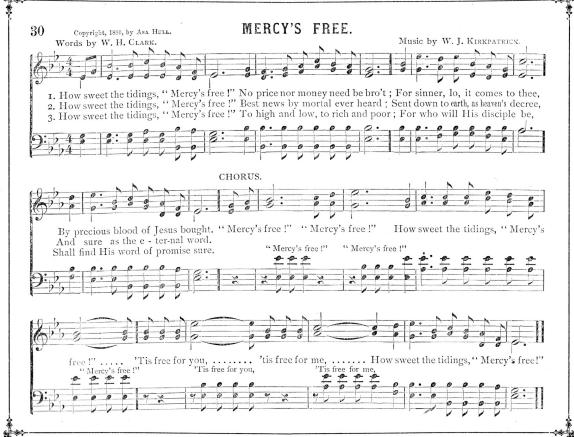
















MERCY'S FREE. OPPOSITE PAGE. CONCLUSION OF

4 How sweet the tidings, "Mercy's free!" And rebels pardon may obtain; lince Jesus died upon the tree, That sinners all might mercy gain .- Chorus. 5 How sweet the tidings, "Mercy's free!" O joyful sound, O wondrous grace; To Jesus, then, at once we'll flee, And rest secure in His embrace. - Chorus.

Arranged for this work.



- I. Je-sus! in Thy glorious dwelling, Where the heav'nly anthems ring, Dost Thou hear the children singing,
- 2. Je-sus! from the glory round Thee Dost Thou look with smiling face, When the children's hands are lifted,



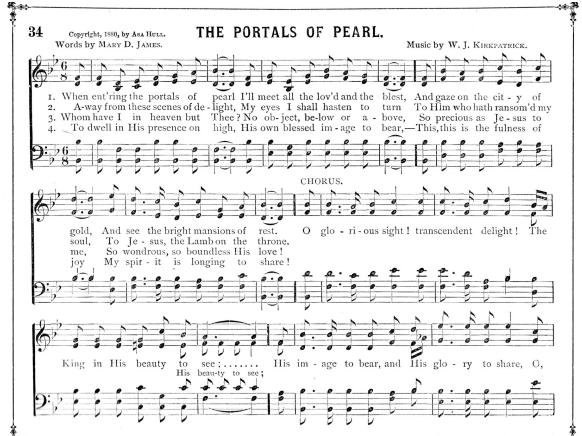


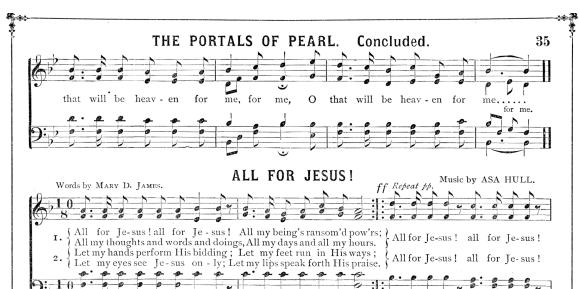
Dost Thou heed the praise they bring? Glory, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! From the riv-er to the sea; Low-ly pray-ing for Thy grace?





- 3 Jesus! though we cannot see Thee,
 Art Thou still our watchful guide?
 Doth Thy loving whisper call us?
 Doth Thy tender hand provide? Cho.
- 4 Jesus! Thou wilt never leave us, Till our feet at last shall stand, With the choir of angels singing, Evermore at Thy right hand. Cho.





Rit. 2d time.

All my days and all my hours.



3 Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, Cling to gilded toys of dust, Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; Only Jesus will I trust. ||: Only Jesus! only Jesus! Only Jesus will I trust.:||

4 Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside,— So enchained my spirit's vision,

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Looking at the crucified.

||: All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
All for Jesus, crucified!:||

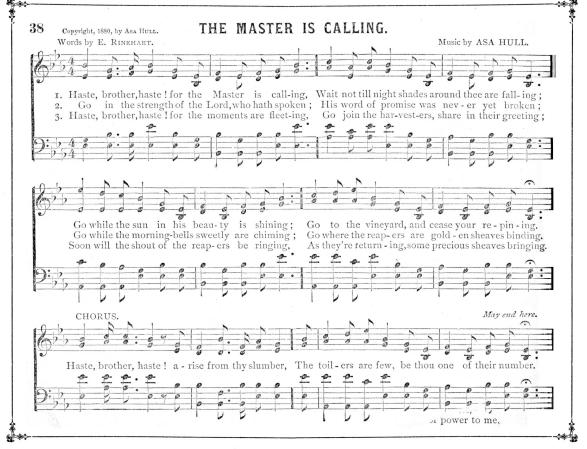
5 O, what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings, Deigns to call me His beloved, Lets me rest beneath His wings. |: All for Jesus! all for Jesus! Resting now beneath His wings.: |

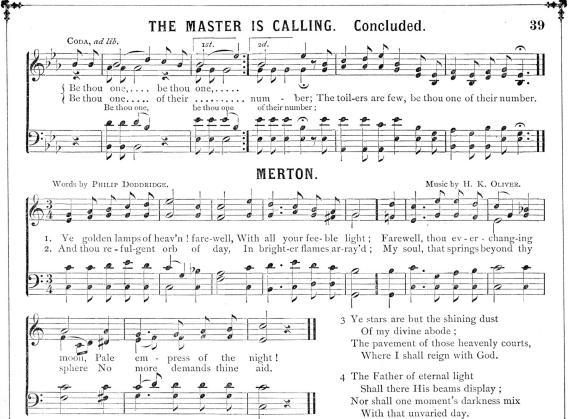


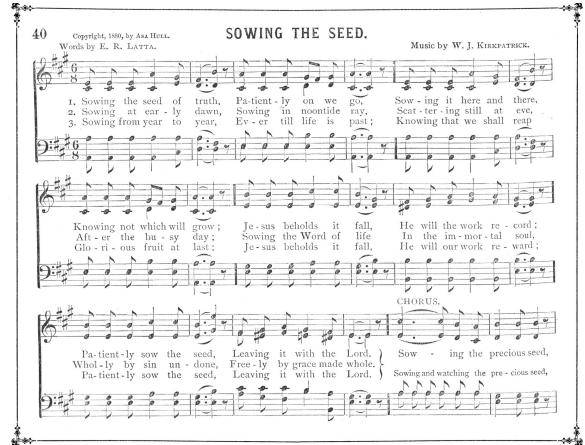
- 2 Pass me not, O loving Saviour, Let me live and cling to Thee; For I'm longing for Thy favor, Whilst Thou'rt calling, O, call me.—Cherus.
- 3 Pass me not, O mighty Saviour, Thou canst make the blind to see; Witnesses of Thy great merit, Speak some word of power to me.—Chorus.

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES.











Appalling to the ear,

Concealed within the Cleft, I'm safe; No danger will I fear.—Chorus.

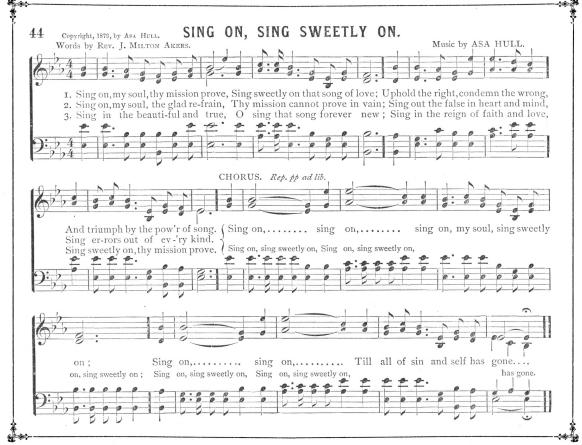
3 Jesus, dear refuge of my soul! My hope, my joy, my rest; Confiding in Thy changeless love, I am supremely blest.—Chorus,

4 My peace, unbroken by life's storm While I in Christ abide, My spirit rests in sweetest calm, As in the Cleft I hide.—Chorus,



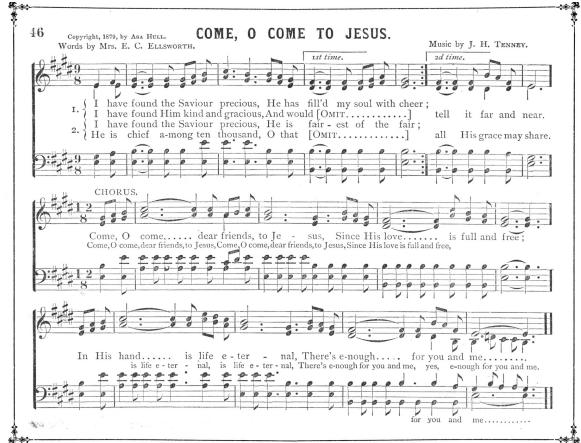


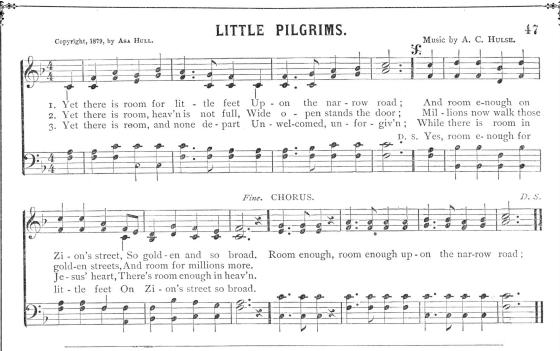






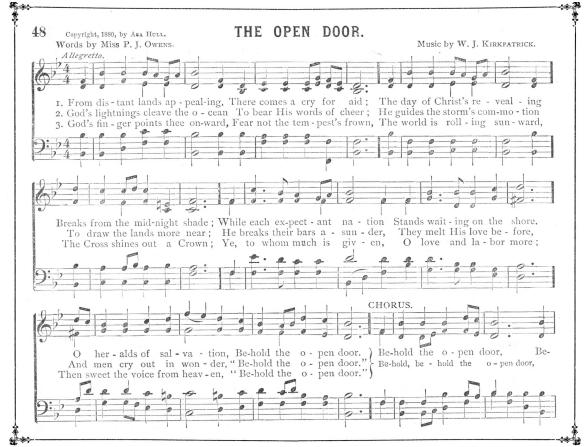
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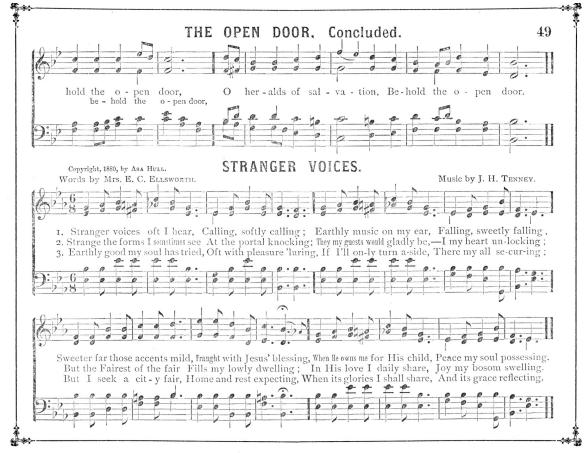


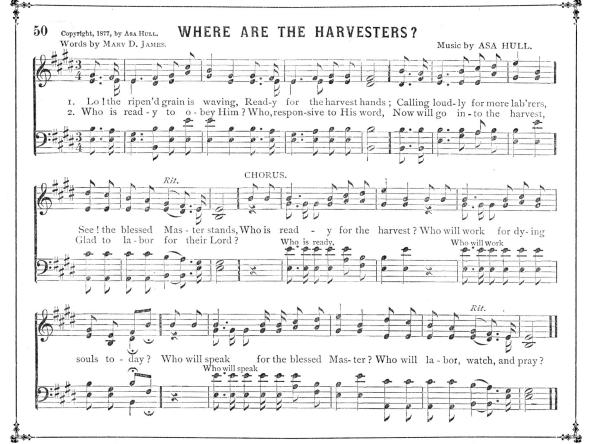


CONCLUSION OF COME, O COME, OPPOSITE PAGE.

3 I have found the Saviour precious, Never failing in my need; For my hungry soul providing, Jesus is a friend indeed. Chorus.—Come, O come, etc. 4 I have found the Saviour precious,
Rock of ages, cleft for all;
O then find that place of safety,
For there's room for great and small.
Chorus.—Come, O come, etc.







ONWARD, RIGHT ONWARD.

Words by P. S. Howell.



- I. Onward, right onward! Heeding no toil or pain; Onward, right onward! Ea-ger the prize to gain. 2. Onward, tho' round us Billows may roll and toss; Onward, tho' hearts ache, Moaning with sense of loss.
- 3. Onward and upward! Nev-er so dark a time, But beams from heaven In to our pathway shine.





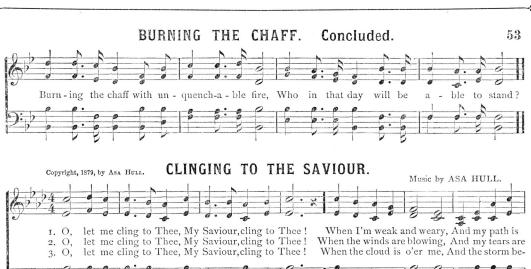
Darkly the clouds may gather, Coldly the rain may fall, Starless the night's deep shadows, But there is light for all. Closely beside us walketh Death with his sable pall; Deep are the pangs he bringeth, Yet there is joy for all. Nev-er in deepest sor-row O-ver our dead we weep, But that a hope from heaven Into our hearts may creep.



CONCLUSION OF WHERE ARE THE HARVESTERS? OPPOSITE PAGE

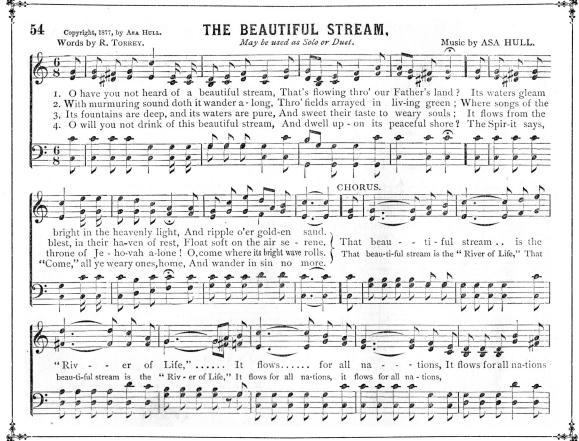
- 3 Workers, see, your Lord is standing, Looking with benignant smile; Watching all your faithful labors, Giving you good cheer the while !—Chorus.
- 4 Say, is not the work a pleasure? Is not toil a present joy? Is not labor rest, when Jesus Smiles upon your blest employ?—Chorus.
- 5 Who can tell the wealth of blessing. Crowning that rich "harvest home," When within the heavenly portals All the faithful lab'rers come?—Chorus.
- 6 O, the rapture! O, the glory! O, the wondrous feast of love! When the sowers and the reapers Gather in their house above. - Chorus.

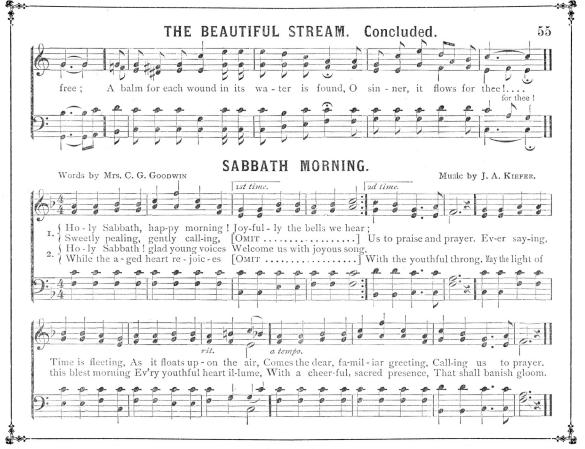




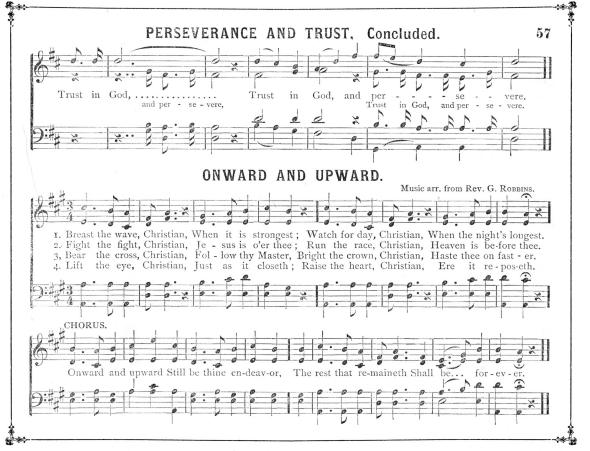


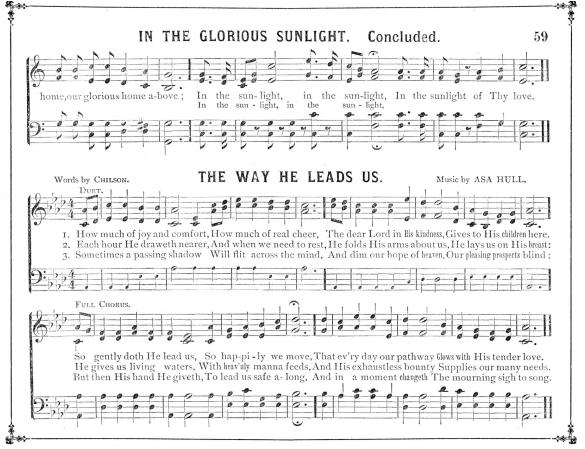
- 4 O, let me cling to Thee, etc. When my friends are leaving, And my heart is grieving, O, let me cling to Thee, etc.
- 5 O, let me cling to Thee, etc. When I cross the river, Which from earth deth sever, O, let me cling to Thee, etc.

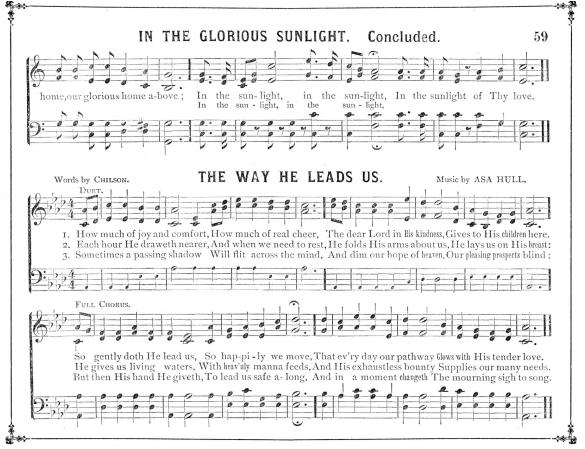












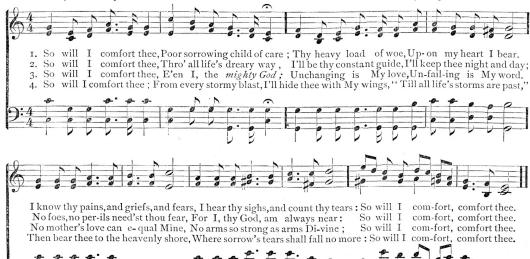


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SO WILL I COMFORT THEE.

Words by MARY D. JAMES.

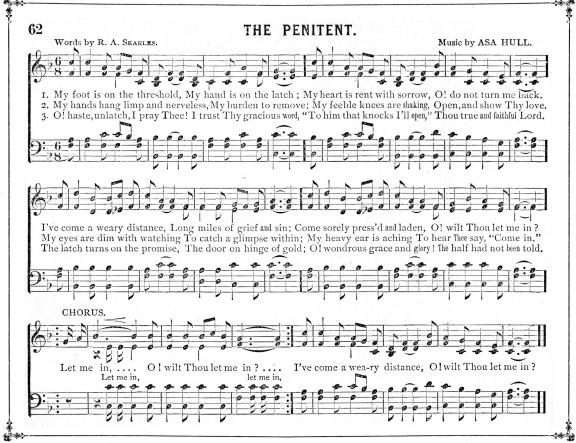
Music by W. J. KIRKPATRICK.



CONCLUSION OF GO AND TELL IT, OPPOSITE PAGE.

4 Go tell the weary, thirsting souls
Of living streams that flow;
Tell them salvation onward rolls,
Go tell the tidings, go!—Chorus.

5 Tell how He took away thy sin, And how He gave thee rest; How full of joy thy life hath been, Since He hath made thee blest.—Chorus.





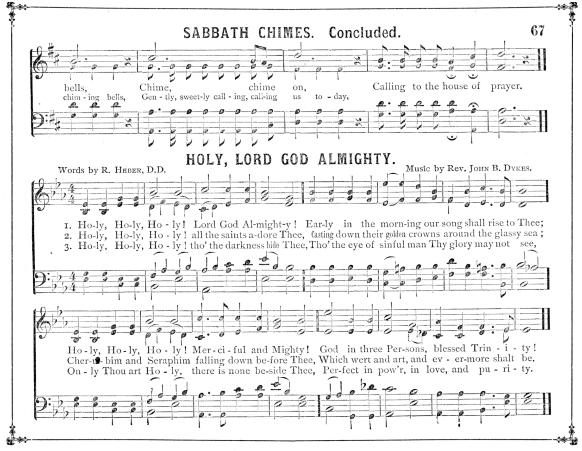


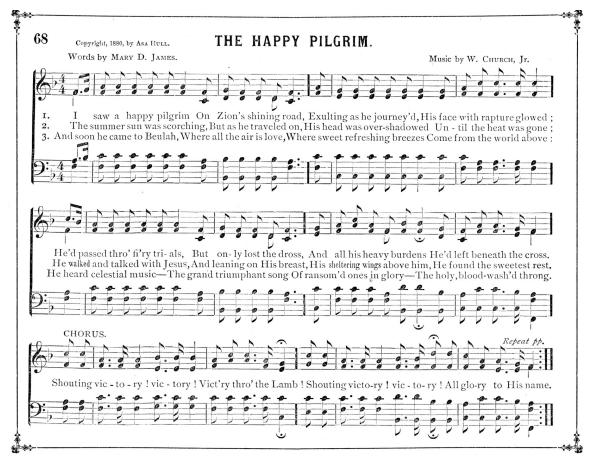




SABBATH CHIMES.











Amid the tumult of the storm; Or, when the sea is calm and still. 'Tis by that light I read God's will.—Chorus. Is waiting on the shining strand, To welcome to that peaceful shore My little bark, its perils o'er. - Chorus.

CONCLUSION OF THE HAPPY PILGRIM, OPPOSITE PAGE.

4 I saw him in the valley Death's shadow drawing nigh. And still he sang exulting, For it "is gain to die;" And when to Jordan's river The pilgrim's feet had come, 'Twas but a step to cross it, And he was safe at home. - Chorus.

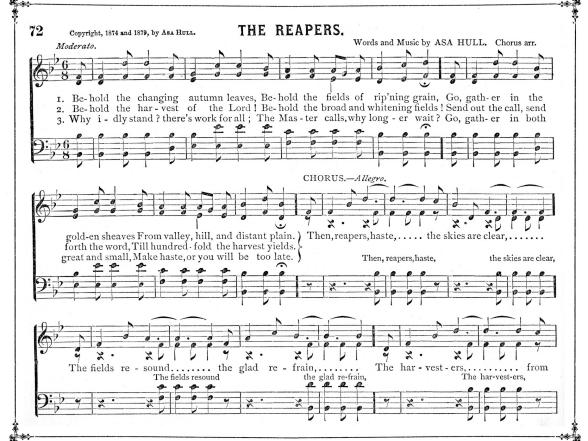
Greet him with shouts of welcome Into the glory-land! O, then, what rapture thrilled him To look on Jesus' face, And cast his crown before Him, Who saved him by His grace.—Chorus.

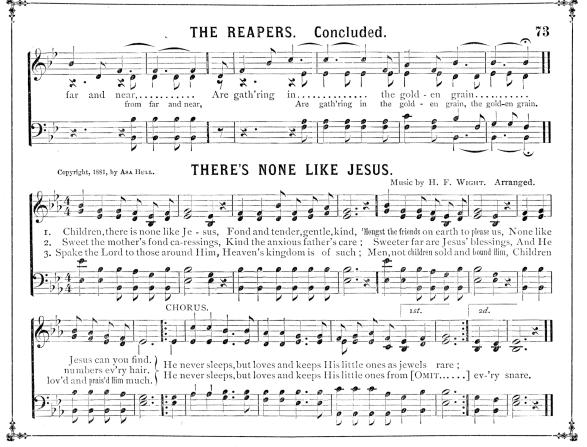
5 Then, at the pearly portals

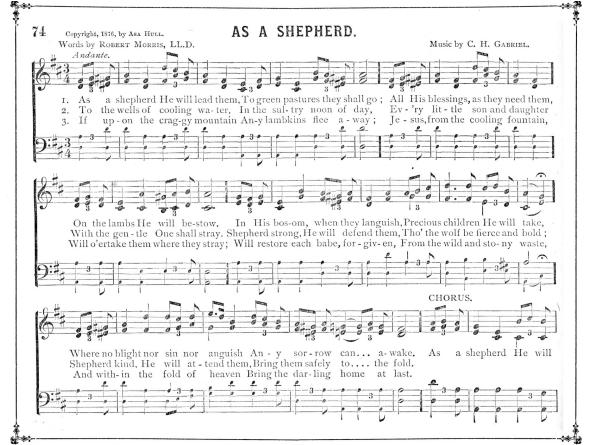
I saw the white-robed band

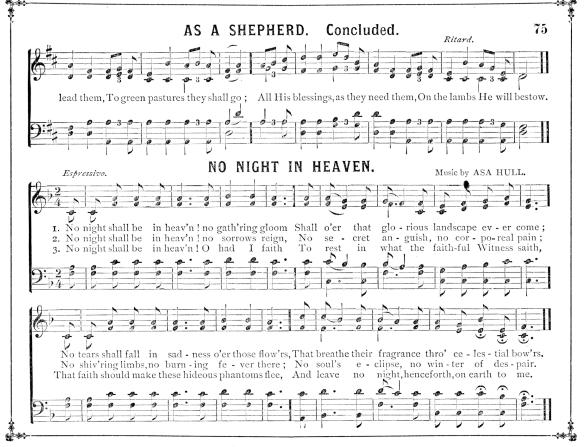
















3 Nearer home! yes, one day nearer To our Father's house on high, To the green fields and the fountains Of the land beyond the sky; For the heavens grow brighter o'er us, And the lamps hang in the dome, And our tents are pitched still closer, For we're one day nearer home. Chorus. 4 "One day nearer," sings the mar'ner, As he glides the waters o'er, While the light is softly dying On his distant native shore; Thus the Christian on life's ocean, As his light-boat cuts the foam, In the evening cries with rapture, "I am one day nearer home." Chorus.



Meet again! when life is o'er; Meet again! to part no more; How it cheers the drooping heart When from friends we're called to part. Sweetly tuned to harps of gold.

Meet again! where endless joy We shall taste without alloy; Meet where songs shall ne'er grow old,

Meet again! how passing sweet, Friends long lost again to meet; Careworn souls by tempest driven, Oh, how sweet to meet in heaven.

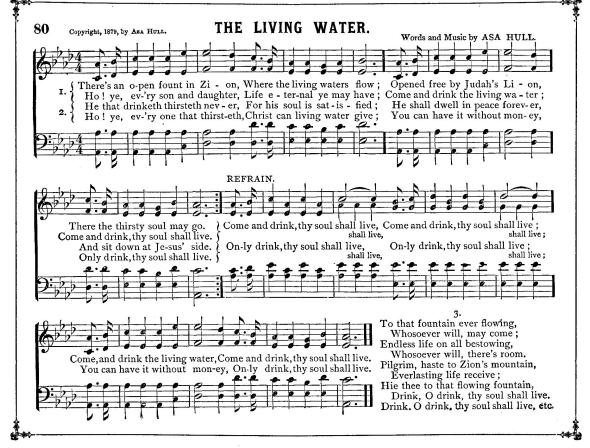


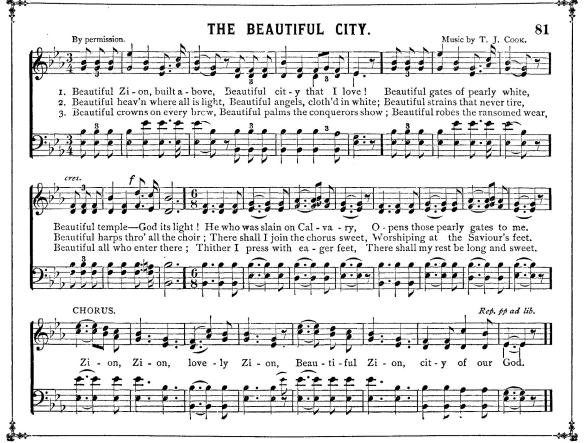


CONCLUSION OF THE HEAVENLY VISITOR. OPPOSITE PAGE.

3 Then 'tis time to stand entreating Christ to let thee in; At the gate of heaven beating, Wailing for thy sin.

Nay, alas! thou foolish creature, Can it be forgot? Jesus waited long to know thee, But He then will know thee not .- Chorus.



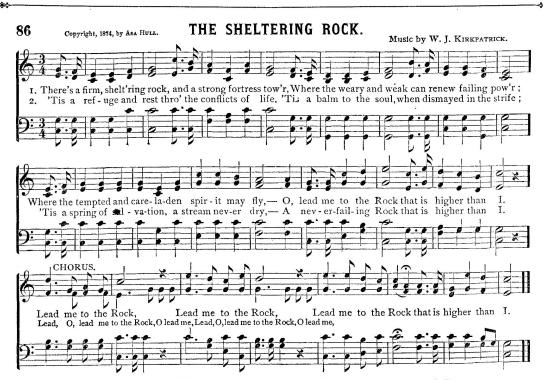












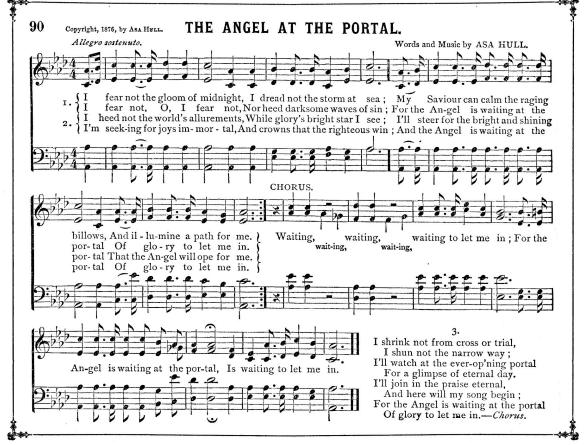
- 3 'Tis my comfort and stay, my deliv'rer and joy, When the heart is o'erwhelm'd with the ills that annoy; When the fierce sweeping tempest of sorrow is nigh, O, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.—Chorus.
- 4 When the few joys of life are all flitting away, Like the soft-fading light at the closing of day; When the shadow of death steals the light from my eye, O, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.—Chorus





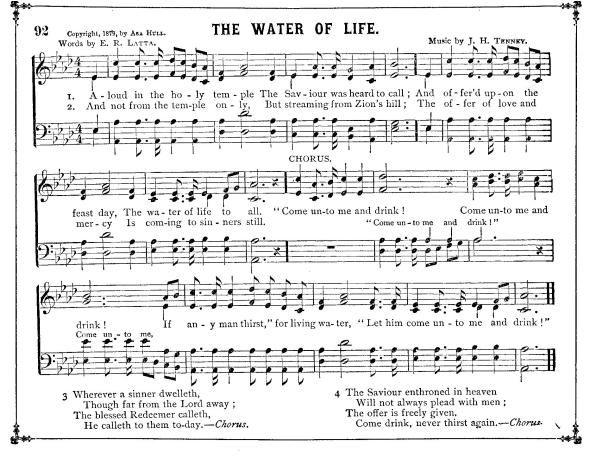






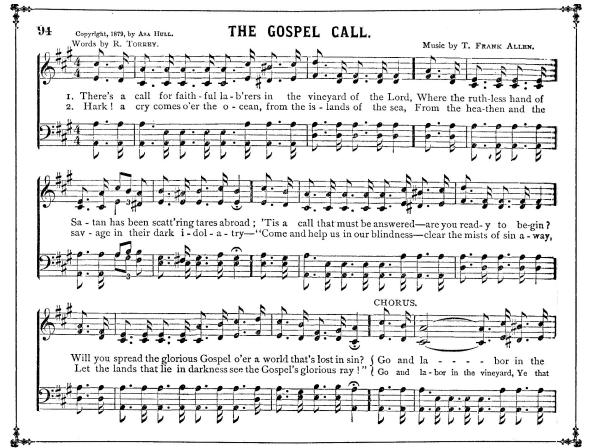








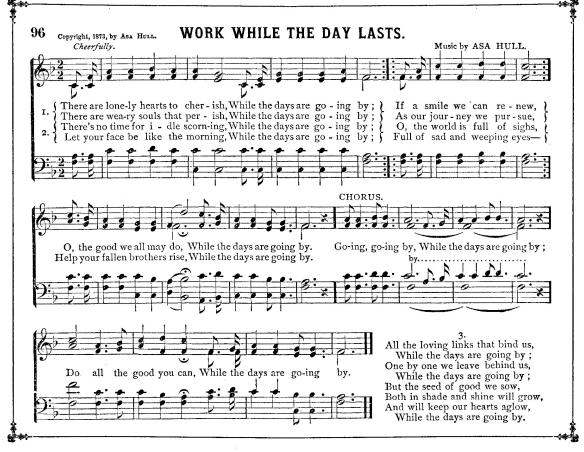
- 3 Free as the sunshine, wide as its ray, Tidings of gladness, haste on your way; Healing the sorrow, loosing the chain, Teaching that Christ shall reign.—Chorus.
- 4 Clothed with salvation, shielded with might, Heralds of Zion, bear on the light; Over the desert, waiting for thee, See how the shadows flee.—*Chorus*.



THE GOSPEL CALL. Concluded.

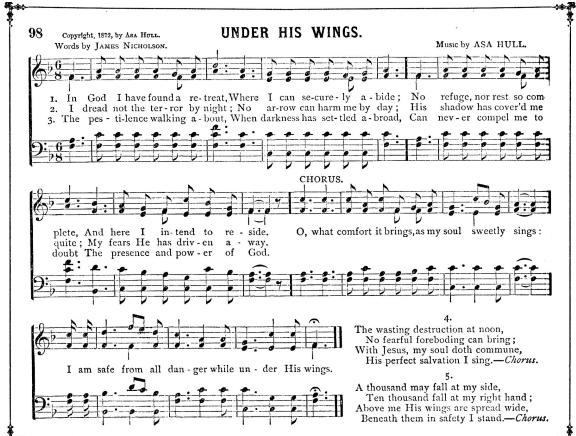


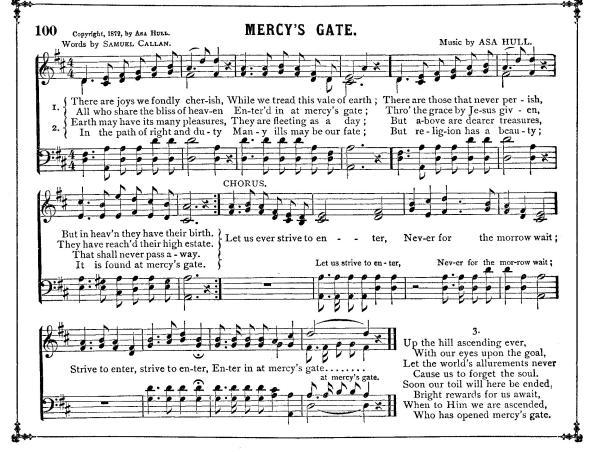
- 3 But the call for help sounds nearer, in the city's noisy street—
 From the friendless and the homeless, who with weary aching feet
 Tread the ways of death unheeded, save by His all-seeing eye,
 That can count the stars of heaven, and yet marks the sparrow die!—Chorus.
- 4 Lo! the field is white for harvest, but the reapers they are few, And the hand that wields the sickle must be bold and strong and true; For the fields in which we labor spread far over sea and land,—
 "Preach my Gospel to all nations," was the Saviour's great command!—Chorus,
- 5 All around us and about us there is work for us to do—
 We that call the Lord our Saviour must e'en labor for Him too;
 Till our day of life is over,—then how great is the reward
 Of the faithful who have labored in the vineyard of the Lord!—Chorus.



BLESSED ARE THEY.











Welcome to the land of love.



Oh, think who bore them on His brow;
If grief thy sorrowing heart has found,
They reached a holier than thou,—Chorus,

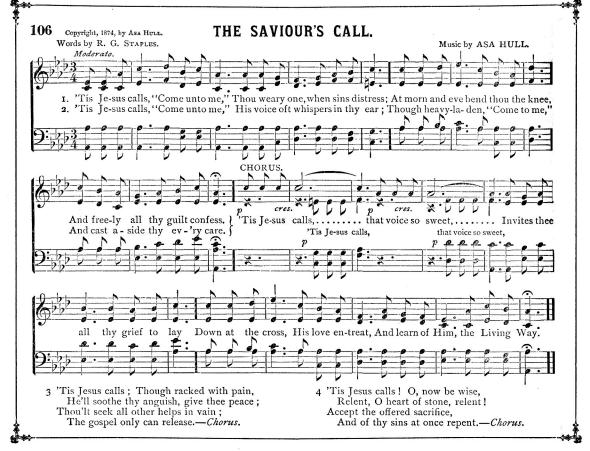
One sigh unheard, one prayer forgot;
The day of rest will dawn for thee:
Wait, meekly wait, and murmur not.—Chorus.



3 Only the truth that in life I have spoken, Only the seed that on earth I have sown, These shall pass onward when I am forgotten, Fruits of the harvest and what I have done.—Cho. 4 O, when the Saviour shall make up His jeweis, When the bright crowns of rejoicings are won, Then will His faithful and weary disciples All be remembered for what they have done.—Cho.



3 Walk in the light! though shadows dark, Like spectres cross thy way; Darkness will flee before the light Of God's eternal day.—Chorus. 4 Walk in the light! and thou shalt kno The love of God to thee; The fellowship so sweet below, In heav'n will sweeter be.—Chorus





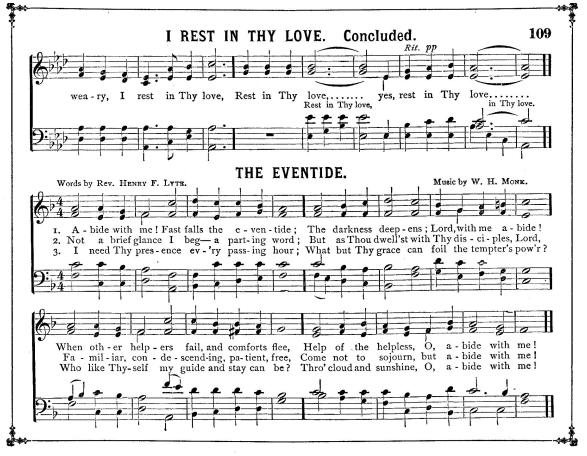
Written my name in the Lamb's book of life;

Armed and equipped for the war and the strife,

Daily His grace I receive.—Chorus.

4 Saved! saved! saved! never from Christ will I roam Death with its fetters cannot bind me fast, Mansions of glory await me at last, Angels will welcome me home.—Chorus.







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OPEN THE DOOR.

Music by Dr. J. B. HERBERT.



Open the door for the children, Tenderly gather them in;

.... sin. Some are so young and so helpless, In from the highways and hedges, In from the places of....

Open the door for the children, See, they are coming in throngs;

2. Bid them sit down to the banquet, Teach them your beautiful songs. Pray you the Father to bless them,

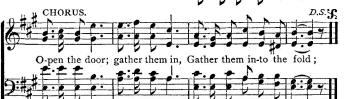




Some are so hungry and cold; Pray you that grace may be given; O - pen the door for the children, Theirs is the kingdom of heaven. D. s. O - pen the door for the children, Gather them in - to the fold.

O - pen the door for the children, Gather them in - to the fold.





Open the door for the children; Take the dear lambs by the hand, Point them to truth and to goodness, Lead them to Canaan's bright land, Some are so young and so helpless, Some are so hungry and cold; Open the door for the children,

Gather them into the fold.—Chorus.

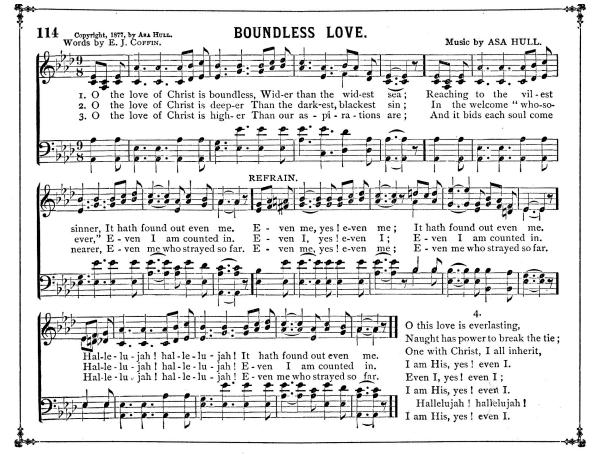


- 2 The now glorified saints over there, They once suffered and toil'd here below; Now exalted, Christ's triumph they share, Sin, nor anguish, nor death ever know.—Cho.
- 3 They have gone to their home over there, Where the city is glorious and bright, And the crowns of the victor they wear, And our God and the Lamb are the light.—Cho.



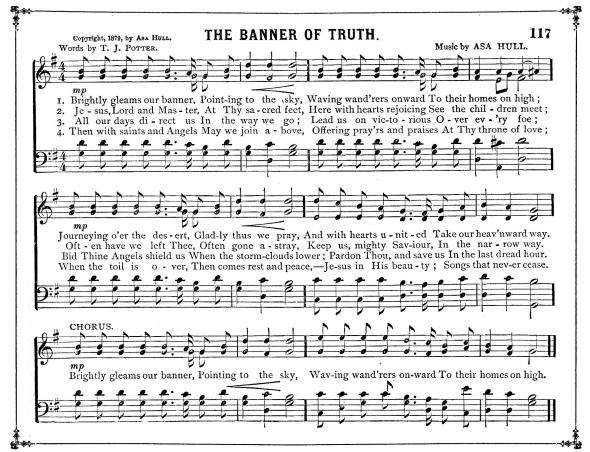
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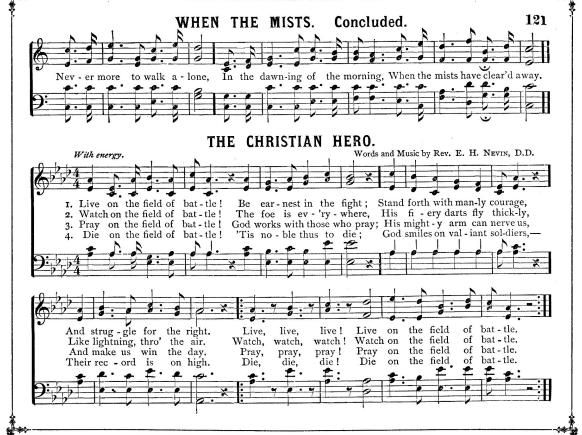




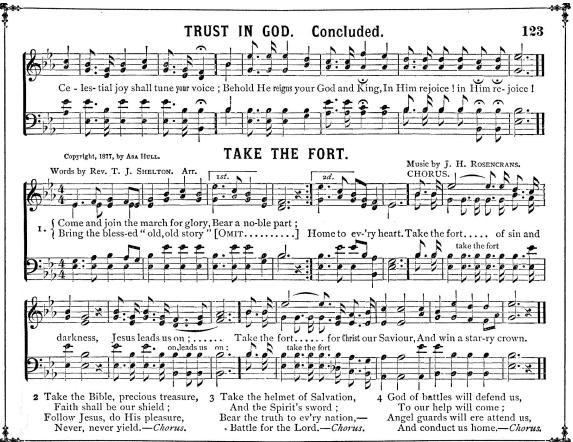




Though snares beset and thorns shall pierce, He makes thy footsteps sure.—Chorus. Once pierced with darts still aimed at thee, He conquers with a word.—Chorus.







STAND UP FOR JESUS.



In realms of light, on heaven's bright shore. - Chorus.









In the way our fathers trod; They are happy now, and we Soon their happiness shall see.—Cho.

3 Fear not, brethren, joyful stand On the borders of our land; Jesus Christ, our Father's Son, Bids us undismayed go on.—Cho.

Lord, obediently we'll go, Gladly leaving all below; Only Thou our Leader be, And we still will follow Thee.—*Cho*.



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Christian, heed not doubts and fears. Tremble not at laughs and jeers; Heav'n will greet you soon with cheers, Decked with stars shalt be thy crown, He, thy strength, will lead you thro'
Onward, Christian, on!
Heav'n thine own reward. Onward, Christian, on!

Christian, why at ease sit down? Mind not hater's scorn or frown; Onward, Christian, on!

Christian, keep the goal in view, Eyes on Jesus, His on you;





BREEZES FROM LAND. Concluded.



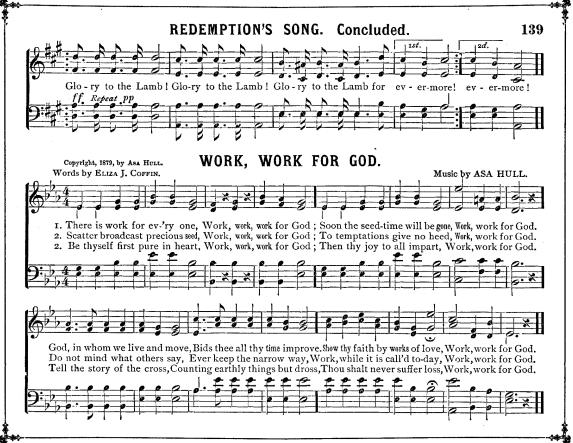
HE DOETH ALL THINGS WELL. Copyright, 1879, by Asa Hull. Words by Rev. E. A. HOFFMAN. Music by J. H. TENNEY. I. My Sav-iour guides me in the way That leads to realms of end-less day; And tho' His plans I 2. My Sav-iour is my dear-est friend, And He will love me to the end; Tho' troubles come, in 3. My Sav-iour nev-er leaves my side, He knows what sorrows will be-tide; And tho' rough bil-lows CHORUS. can - not tell, Yet, Je - sus do - eth all things well. O love, no mor - tal tongue can tell! O peace I dwell, For Je - sus do - eth all things well. me swell, I know He do - eth all things well, Ritard. love, no hu-man power can quell! Whate'er betide, in peace I dwell, For Je - sus do - eth all things well.



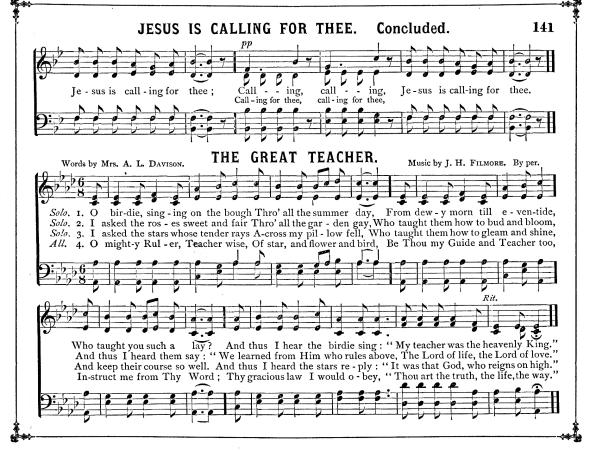
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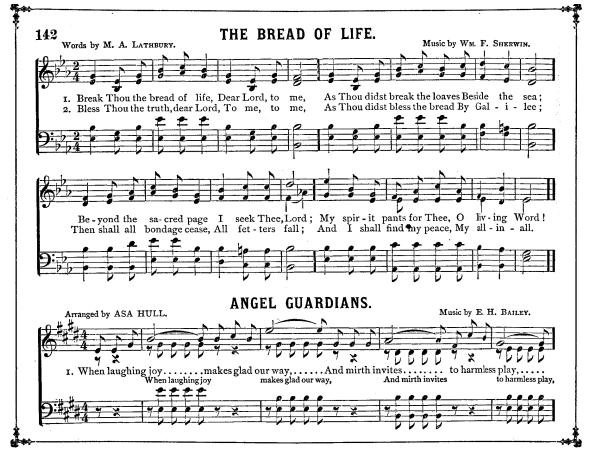






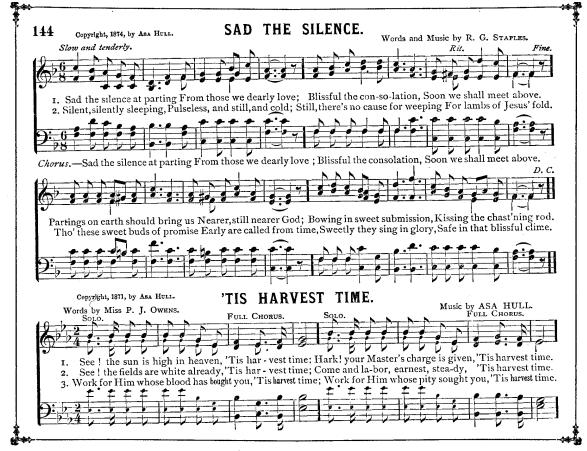




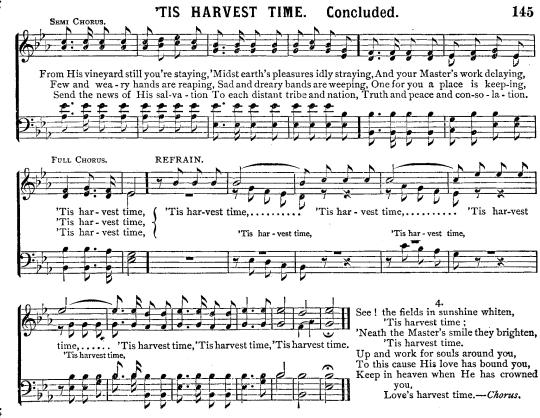


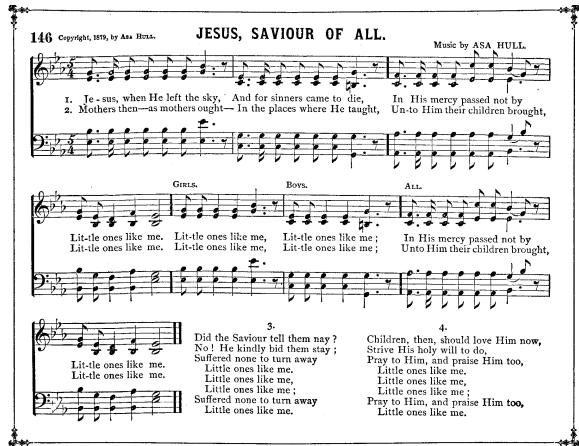


- 2 When dark despair doth rule the hour, And make us feel its gloomy power, Our guardians come in sympathy, To set its from our bondage free.—Chorus,
- With blessings to each earthly home,
 These messengers of heaven come,
 Inspiring thoughts of higher life,
 Free from all sorrow, fear, and strife.—Chorus.











May be sung with action, as suggested by the Chorus. Words and Music by J. H. KURZENKNABE. 1. Tho' our years are young and our strength is weak, Tho' we cannot work like men; We will raise our hands and for Tho' we can not go to the far off lands, We will glad-ly vol-un-teer, All to raise to Je-sus our CHORUS. Je - sus speak, We will praise Him all we can. Clap your hands for joy, cheerful songs now bring, Every lit - tle hands, And to praise Him far and near. lit - tle girl and boy: Je-sus loves to hear lit-tle children sing, Clap your ti - ny hands for joy.

CLAP YOUR HANDS FOR JOY.

3 When our lives were bought, He the ransom paid,
And He made us white as snow;
So then raise all hands for the Savious said

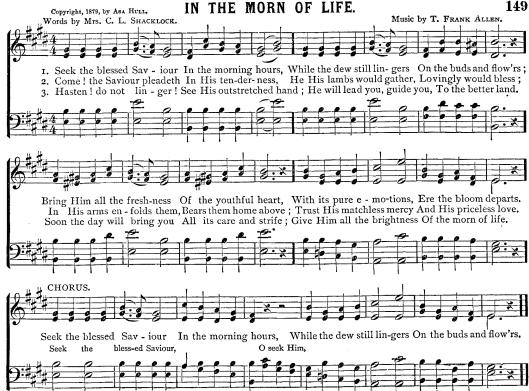
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So then raise all hands, for the Saviour said, We should praise Him here below.—Chorus.

4 We shall sing at last with the blood-wash'd throng On the bright celestial shore; Then we'll raise our hands till in sweeter song We shall praise Him for evermore.—Chorus.

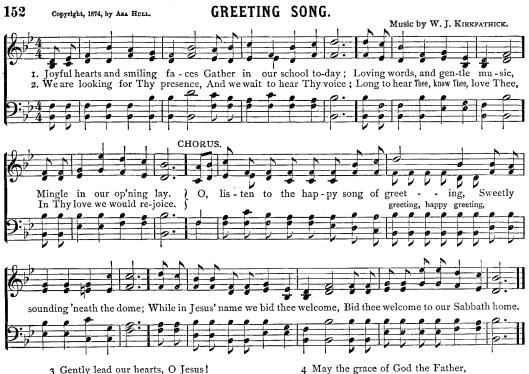








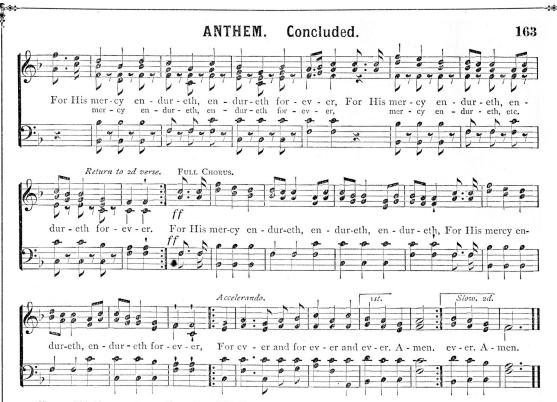




3 Gently lead our hearts, O Jesus!

Help us, lest we go astray;
Teach us always to obey Thee,
Guide us in the narrow way.—Chorus.

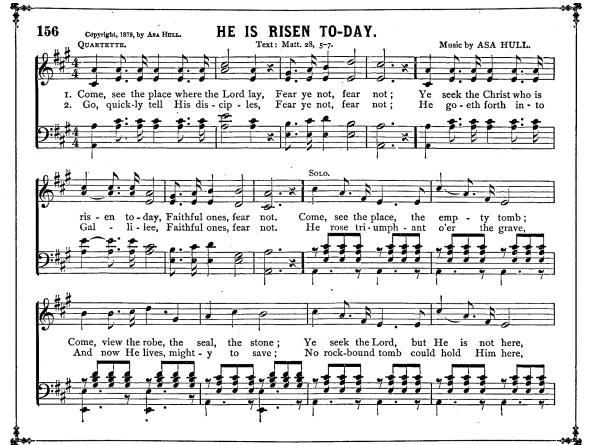
4 May the grace of God the Father, And the Saviour's tender love; With the blessed Spirit's favor, Rest upon us from above.—Chorus.



Note.—This piece may be sung through as Full Chorus, omitting the first repeat, singing the second Quartette very softly, Sofranos taking the Obligato Solo, leaving the harmony parts to the Altos. The movement in triple measure should be sung in slow and exact time until the last strain is reached, which should be accelerated as indicated. It will be found more interesting, if possible to sing it as marked.







HE IS RISEN TO-DAY. Concluded.



CHRIST IS RISEN TO-DAY.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell; Death in vain forbids His rise;

Raise your joys and triumph's high;
Sing, ye heav'ns,—and earth, reply.

Death in vain forbids His ris
Christ hath opened Paradise.

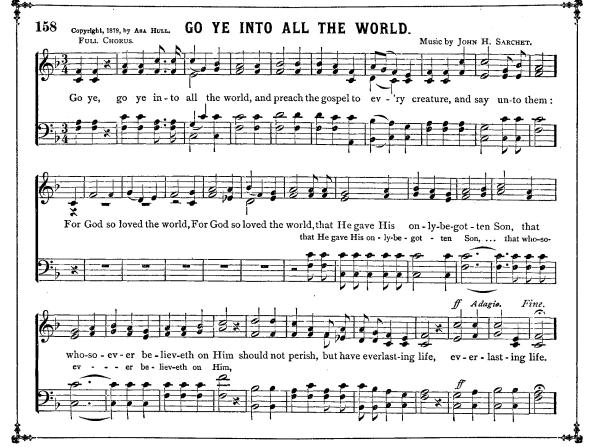
2 Love's redeeming work is done,— Fought the fight, the battle won; Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er: Lo! he sets in blood no more.

I CHRIST, the Lord, is ris'n to-day,

Sons of men and angels say;

4 Lives again our glorious King; Where, O death, is now thy sting? Once He died our souls to save; Where's thy vict'ry, boasting grave?

TUNE .- " Gospel Praise Book," p. 229.



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD. Concluded.

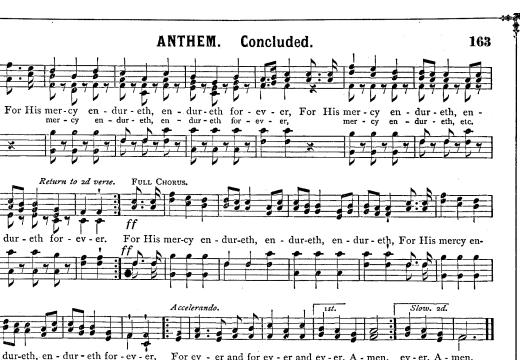




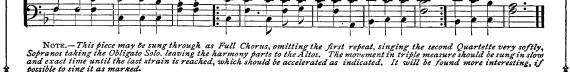
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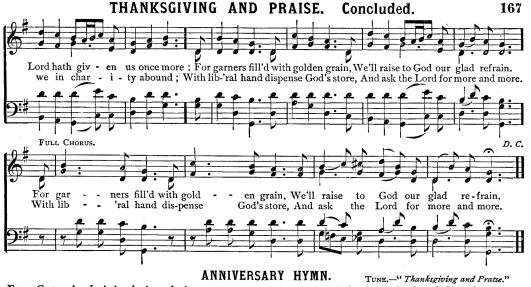
For ev - er and for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.











FULL CHO. Awake! Awake! awake! etc. QUARTETTE. We come again with right good cheer, To greet our friends and kindred here: With joyousness our voices raise

In a triumphant song of praise. FULL CHO. With joyousness our voices raise In a triumphant song of praise.

Full Cho, Awake! awake! awake! etc. QUARTETTE. Another year its tale hath told Of joy and sorrow, as of old:

As borne on time's resistless wing We'll praise the Lord our heav'nly King. FULL CHO. As borne on time's resistless wing, etc.

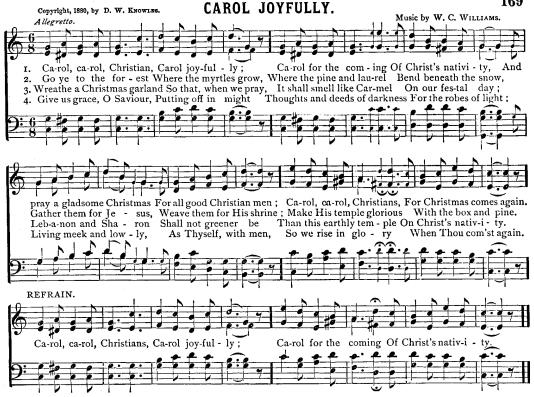
Full Cho. Awake! awake! awake! etc.

QUARTETTE, Our days are passing as a dream, So sweetly gliding down life's stream; No darksome clouds o'ercast our sky,

For joy now beams from ev'ry eye. FULL CHO. No darksome clouds o'ercast our sky. etc. DA CAPO. Awake! awake! awake! etc.

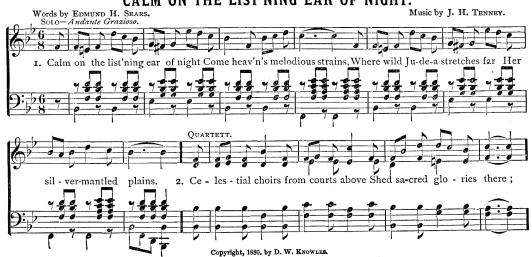




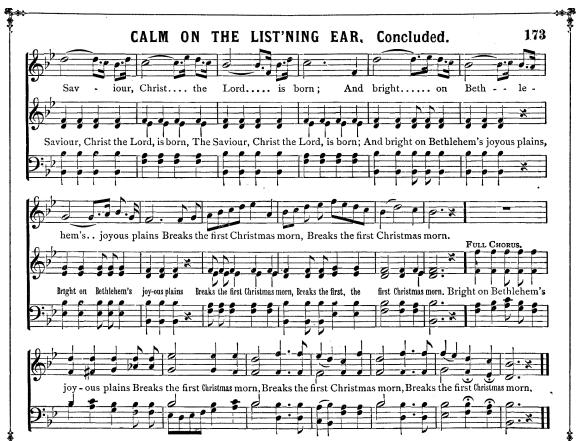


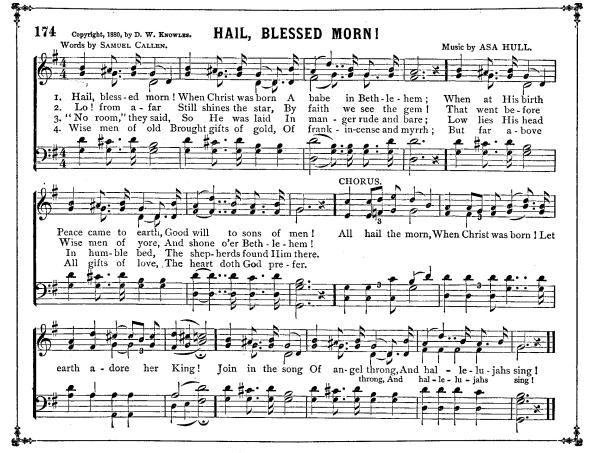






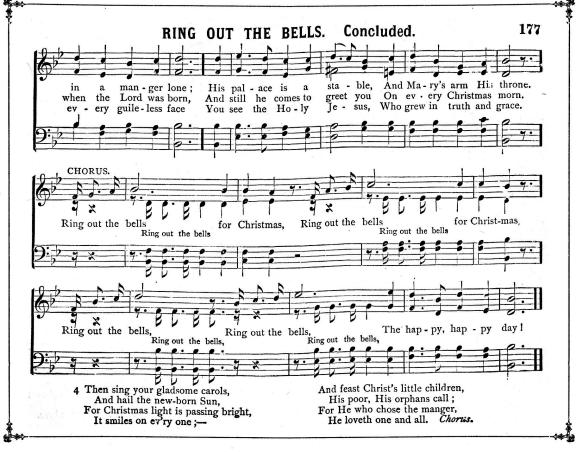


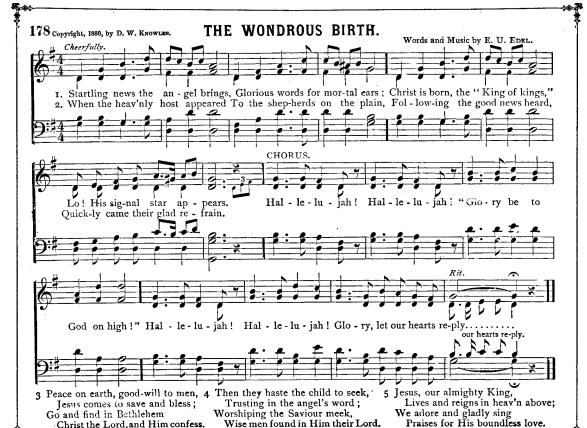












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No. 4. Tune, G.P.B., p. 203.

- The morning light is breaking,
 The darkness disappears;
 The sons of earth are waking
 To penitential tears;
 Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
 Brings tidings from afar,
 Of nations in commotion,
 Prepared for Zion's war.
- 2 Rich dews of grace come o'er us, In many a gentle shower, And brighter scenes before us Are opening every hour; Each cry to heaven going Abundant answers brings; And heavenly gales are blowing With peace upon their wings.
- 3 See heathen nations bending Before the God we love, And thousand hearts ascending In gratitude above: While sinners, now confessing, The gospel-call obey, And seek the Saviour's blessing, A nation in a day.
- 4 Blest river of salvation,
 Pursue thy onward way;
 Flow thou to every nation,
 Nor in thy richness stay:
 Stay not till all the lowly
 Triumphant reach their home:
 Stay not till all the holy
 Proclaim, "The Lord is come."

DEVOTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 5. Tune, G.P.B., p. 77. No. 6.

- I NEARER, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee, E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me; Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
- 2 Though like a wanderer, Daylight all gone, Darkness be over me, My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, etc.
- 3 There let the way appear Steps up to heaven: All that Thou sendest me In mercy given: Angels to beckon me Nearer, my God, to Thee, etc.
- 4 Then, with my waking thoughts,
 Bright with Thy praise,
 Out of my stony griefs,
 Bethel I'll raise;
 So by my woes to be
 Nearer, my God, to Thee, etc.
- 5 Or, if on joyful wing,
 Cleaving the sky,
 Sun, moon and stars forgot,
 Upward I fly,—
 Still all my song shall be,
 Nearer, my God, to Thee, etc.

WORK, for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours,
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work 'mid springing flow'rs;
Work, when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

Tune, G. P.B., p. 89.

- 2 Work, for the night is coming,
 Work through the sunny noon;
 Fill brightest hours with labor,—
 Rest comes sure and soon:
 Give ev'ry flying minute
 Something to keep in store;
 Work for the night is coming,
 When man works no more.
- 3 Work, for the night is coming, Under the sunset skies; While their bright tints are glowing, Work, for the daylight flies; Work, for the last beam fadeth, Fadeth to shine no more; Work, while the night is dark'ning, When man's work is o'er.
- 4 Work, for the night is coming,
 Work, while the fields are white;
 Work, for thy sands are running,
 Work, while hopes are bright;
 Gather thy sheaves of morning;
 Rest not thy hand at noon;
 Labor and strive till evening;
 Rest when daylight's gone.

- No. 7. Tune, G.P.B., p. 154.
- I LORD, I hear of show'rs of blessing
 Thou art scatt'ring full and free;
 Show'rs the thirsty land refreshing;
 Let some droppings fall on me,
 Even me, even me,
 Let some droppings fall on me.
- 2 Pass me not, O gracious Saviour, Let me live and cling to Thee; Fain I'm longing for Thy favor; Whilst Thou'rt calling, call for me; Even me, even me, Whilst Thou'rt calling, call for me.
- 3 Pass me not, O mighty Spirit, Thou canst make the blind to see,— Witnesses of Jesus' merit; Speak some word of pow'r to me; Even me, even me, Speak some word of pow'r to me.
- 4 Love of God, so pure and changeless, Blood of Christ, so rich and free, Grace of God, so rich and boundless, Magnify it all in me; Even me, even me, Magnify it all in me.
- 5 Pass me not, the lost one bringing,
 Bind my heart, O Lord, to Thee;
 Whilst the streams of life are springing,
 Blessing others, O bless me;
 Even me, even me,
 Blessing others, O bless me.

- **No. 8.** Tune, G.P.B., p. 168.
- I FADE, fade, each earthly joy,
 Jesus is mine!
 Break every tender tie,
 Jesus is mine!
 Dark is the wilderness;
 Earth has no resting-place;
 Jesus alone can bless;
 Jesus is mine!
- 2 Tempt not my soul away; Jesus is mine! Here would I ever stay; Jesus is mine! Perishing things of clay, Born but for one brief day, Pass from my heart away; Jesus is mine!
- 3 Farewell, ye dreams of night,
 Jesus is mine!
 Lost in this dawning bright,
 Jesus is mine!
 All that my soul has tried
 Left but a dismal void;
 Jesus has satisfied;
 Jesus is mine!
- 4 Farewell, mortality,
 Jesus is mine!
 Welcome, eternity,
 Jesus is mine!
 Welcome, O loved and blest;
 Welcome, sweet scenes of rest;
 Welcome, my Saviour's breast;
 Jesus is mine.

- No. 9. Tune, G.P.B., pp. 105, 119.
- I JESUS, lover of my soul,
 Let me to Thy bosom fly,
 While the nearer waters roll,
 While the tempest still is high;
 Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
 Till the storm of life is past;
 Safe into the haven guide,
 O receive my soul at last.
- 2 Other refuge have I none;
 Hangs my helpless soul on Thee:
 Leave, O leave me not alone;
 Still support and comfort me:
 All my trust on Thee is stay'd;
 All my hope from Thee I bring:
 Cover my defenceless head
 With the shadow of Thy wing.
- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want:
 More than all in Thee I find:
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
 Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Just and holy is Thy name;
 I am all unrighteousness;
 False, and full of sin I am;
 Thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
 Grace to cover all my sin:
 Let the healing streams abound;
 Make and keep me pure within.
 Thou of life the fountain art;
 Freely let me take of Thee:
 Spring Thou up within my heart:
 Rise to all eternity.



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No. 14. Tune, G.P.B., p. 52.

I Love to tell the story:
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings,
As nothing else would do.
Cho.—I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

2 I love to tell the story:
More wonderful it seems,
Than all the golden fancies
Of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story:
It did so much for me!
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.

4 I love to tell the story:
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the New, New Song, 'Twill be—the Old, Old Story That I have loved so long.

No. 15. Tune, G.P.B., p. 245.

I My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride, From ev'ry mountain side Let freedom ring.

2 My native country! thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

3 Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song! Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break; The sound prolong!

4 Our fathers' God! to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King! No. 16. Tune, G.P.B., p. 145.

I To-DAY the Saviour calls! Ye wand'rers, come; O, ye benighted souls, Why longer roam?

To-day the Saviour calls!
 For refuge fly;
 The storm of justice falls,
 And death is nigh.

3 To-day the Saviour calls!
O, hear Him now;
Within these sacred walls
To Jesus bow.

4 The Spirit calls to-day:
Yield to His power;
O, grieve Him not away.—
'Tis mercy's hour.

No. 17. Tune, G.P.B., p. 245.

I God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

2 For her our pray'r shall rise
To God, above the skies;
On Him we wait;
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the State!

No. 18.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 180.

I I HAVE a Saviour, He's pleading in glory,
A dear, loving Saviour, tho' earth-friends be few;
And now He is watching in tenderness o'er me;
And O, that my Saviour were your Saviour too!

Chorus.—For you I am praying, for you I am praying,
For you I am praying, I'm praying for you.

- 2 I have a Father; to me He has given
 A hope for eternity, blessed and true;
 And soon will He call me to meet Him in heaven,
 But O, that He'd let me bring you with me too!
- 3 I have a robe; 'tis resplendent in whiteness,
 Awaiting in glory my wondering view;
 O, when I receive it, all shining in brightness,
 Dear friend, could I see you receiving one too!
- 4 I have a peace; it is calm as a river— A peace that the friends of this world never knew; My Saviour alone is its Author and Giver, And O, could I know it is given to you.
- 5 When Jesus has found you, tell others the story, That my loving Saviour is your Saviour too; Then pray that your Saviour may bring them to glory, And pray'r will be answered—'twas answer'd for you!

No. 19.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 179.

I "ALMOST persuaded" now to believe;
"Almost persuaded" Christ to receive.
Seems now some soul to say,
"Go, Spirit, go Thy way,
Some more convenient day
On Thee I'll call."

2 "Almost persuaded," come, come to-day; "Almost persuaded," turn not away.
Jesus invites you here,
Angels are ling'ring near,
Pray'rs rise from hearts so dear,
O wand'rer, come!

3 "Almost persuaded," harvest is past!
"Almost persuaded," doom comes at last!
"Almost" cannot avail,
"Almost" is but to fail,
Sad, sad that bitter wail—
"Almost, but lost!"

No. 20.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 117.

I HE leadeth me! O blessed thought, O, words of heav'nly comfort fraught; Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Chorus.—He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

- 2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes when Eden's bowers bloom, By waters still, o'er troubled sea,— Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.
- 3 Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine— Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
- 4 And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the victory's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

No. 21.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 224.

- I JESUS, I my cross have taken,
 All to leave and follow Thee;
 Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
 Thou, from hence, my all shalt be!
 Perish, every fond ambition,
 All I've sought, or hoped, or known,
 Yet how rich is my condition,
 God and heav'n are still my own!
- 2 Let the world despise and leave me,
 They have left my Saviour, too;
 Human hearts and looks deceive me—
 Thou art not, like them, untrue;
 O, while Thou dost smile upon me,
 God of wisdom, love, and might,
 Foes may hate, and friends disown me,
 Show Thy face, and all is bright,
- 3 Man may trouble and distress me,
 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast,
 Life with trials hard may press me,
 Heaven will bring me sweeter rest!
 O, 'tis not in grief to harm me,
 While Thy love is left to me;
 O, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
 Were that joy unmixed with Thee.
- 4 Go then, earthly fame and treasure!
 Come disaster, scorn, and pain!
 In Thy service pain is pleasure,
 With Thy favor, loss is gain.
 I have called Thee, Abba, Father!
 I have stayed my heart on Thee!
 Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
 All must work for good to me.

5 Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by pray'r!
Heav'n's eternal day before thee:
God's own hand shall guide thee there:
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

No. 22.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 118.

- I WHAT a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear;
 What a privilege to carry
 Everything to Him in prayer.
 O, what peace we often forfeit,
 O, what needless pain we bear;
 All because we do not carry
 Everything to Him in pray'r.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?

 Is there trouble anywhere?

 We should never be discouraged,
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

 Can we find a friend so faithful,
 Who will all our sorrows share?

 Jesus knows our every weakness,
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Saviour, still our refuge,—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer;
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

No. 23.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 190.

- I SWEET hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer!
 That calls me from a world of care,
 And bids me at my Father's throne
 Make all my wants and wishes known.
 In seasons of distress and grief,
 My soul has often found relief,
 And oft escap'd the tempter's snare
 By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.
- 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless; And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His word, and trust His grace, Ill cast on Him my ev'ry care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
- 3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer! May I thy consolation share,
 Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
 I view my home, and take my flight:
 This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
 To seize the everlasting prize,
 And shout, while passing through the air,
 Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.

No. 24.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 207.

I WHILE, with ceaseless course, the sun Hasted through the former year, Many souls their race have run, Nevermore to meet us here; Fix'd in an eternal state, They have done with all below; We a little longer wait, But how little, none can know.

- 2 As the winged arrow flies,
 Speedily the mark to find;
 As the lightning from the skies
 Darts and leaves no trace behind,—
 Swiftly thus our fleeting days
 Bear us down life's rapid stream;
 Upward, Lord, our spirits raise;
 All below is but a dream.
- 3 Thanks for mercies past receive;
 Pardon of our sins renew;
 Teach us henceforth how to live,
 With eternity in view:
 Bless Thy word to young and old;
 Fill us with a Saviour's love;
 And when life's short tale is told,
 May we reign with Thee above.

No. 25.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 122.

- I JUST as I am, without one plea,
 But that Thy blood was shed for me,
 And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind, Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need in Thee I find; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, though toss'd about, With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings within, and fears without,— O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

No. 26.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 71.

I THERE'S a land that is fairer than day, And by faith we can see it afar; For the Father waits over the way, To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Chorus.—In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore: In the sweet by and by,

We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

- 2 We shall sing on that beautiful shore The melodious songs of the blest, And our spirits shall sorrow no more, Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.
- 3 To our bountiful Father above, We will offer the tribute of praise, For the glorious gift of His love, And the blessings that hallow our days.
- 4 We shall rest on that beautiful shore, In the joys of the saved we shall share; All our pilgrimage toil will be o'er, And the conqueror's crown we shall wear.

5 We shall meet, we shall sing, we shall reign, In the land where the saved never die; We shall rest free from sorrow and pain, Safe at home in the sweet by and by.

No. 27.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 244.

- I Now to heav'n our pray'rs ascending, God speed the right; In a noble cause contending, God speed the right; Be our zeal in heav'n recorded, With success on earth rewarded, : God speed the right. :
- 2 Be that pray'r again repeated, God speed the right: Ne'er despairing though defeated, God speed the right; Like the good and great in story, If we fail, we fail with glory, : God speed the right. :
- 3 Patient, firm, and persevering, God speed the right; Ne'er th' event nor danger fearing, God speed the right; Pains, nor toils, nor trials heeding, And in heav'n's own time succeeding, : God speed the right. :
- 4 Still our onward course pursuing, God speed the right; Ev'ry foe at length subduing, God speed the right; Truth our cause, whate'er delay it, There's no power on earth can stay it; : God speed the right.:

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No. 28.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 115.

- THERE is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.
- 2 The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.
- 3 Dear dying Lamb! Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power. Till all the ransomed Church of God, Are saved, to sin no more.
- 4 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be, till I die.
- 5 Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
 I'll sing Thy power to save,
 When this poor, lisping, stamm'ring tongue
 Lies silent in the grave.

No. 29.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 131.

- I O, THINK of a home over there,
 By the side of the river of light,
 Where the saints, all immortal and fair,
 Are robed in their garments of white.
 Over there, over there,
 O, think of a home over there.
- 2 O, think of the friends over there,
 Who before us the journey have trod,
 Of the songs that they breathe on the air,
 In their home in the palace of God.
 Over there, over there,
 O, think of the friends over there.

- 3 My Saviour is now over there;
 There my kindred and friends are at rest:
 Then away from my sorrow and care,
 Let me fly to the land of the blest.
 Over there, over there,
 My Saviour is now over there.
- 4 I'll soon be at home over there,
 For the end of my journey I see;
 Many dear to my heart, over there,
 Are watching and waiting for me.
 Over there, over there,
 I'll soon be at home over there.

No. 30.

Tune, G.P.B., p. 79.

- I "LAND ahead!" its fruits are waving
 O'er the hills of fadeless green;
 And the living waters laving
 Shores where heavenly forms are seen.
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- Chorus.—Rocks and storms I'll fear no more,
 When on that eternal shore;
 Drop the anchor! furl the sail!
 I am safe within the vail!
 - 2 Onward, bark, the cape I'm rounding; See the blessed wave their hands; Hear the harps of God resounding From the bright, immortal bands.
 - 3 There, let go the anchor, riding On this calm and silv'ry bay; Seaward fast the tide is gliding; Shores in sunlight stretch away.
 - 4 Now we're safe from all temptation; All the storms of life are past; Praise the Rock of our salvation! We are safe at home at last!

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