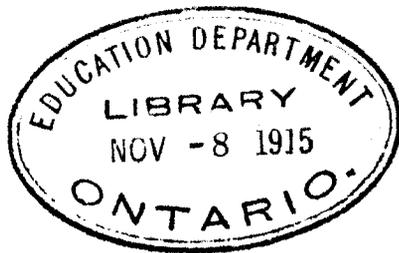


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A BRITISH HYMN

Tune: "Melita."
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save."

God of our fathers, at whose call
We now before Thy footstool fall;
Whose grace has made our Empire strong
Through love of right, and hate of wrong;
In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's cause on land and sea.

Not for the lust of war we fight,
But for the triumph of the right;
The strife we hate is on us thrust,
Our aims are pure, our cause is just;
So strong in faith we plead with Thee
For Britain's cause on land and sea.

Asleep beneath Thine ample dome,
With many a tender dream of home;
Or charging in the dust and glare,
With war-bolts hurtling through the air;
In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's cause on land and sea.

And soon, O blessed Prince of Peace,
Bring in the days when war shall cease;
And men and brother shall unite
To fill the world with love and light;
But now, O Lord, we plead with Thee
For Britain's cause on land and sea.

—Rev. R. P. Downes, LL.D.

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