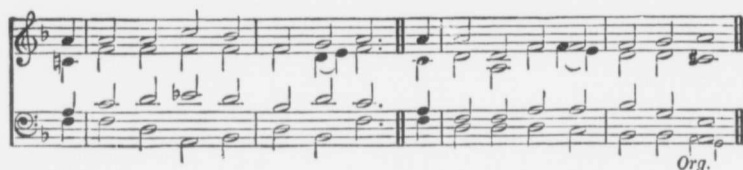
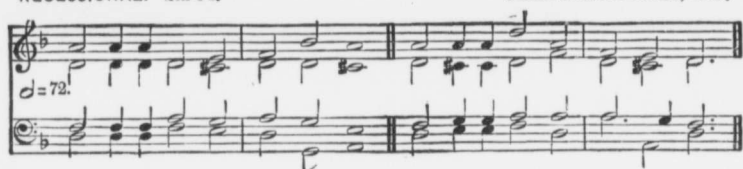


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Beware lest thou forget the Lord thy God.—DEUT. viii. 11.

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| <p><i>mf</i> 1 GOD of our fathers, known of old,
 Lord of our far-flung battle
 line, [hold
 Beneath Whose awful hand we
 Dominion over palm and pine :
 <i>p</i> LORD GOD of hosts, be with us
 yet,
 Lest we forget, lest we forget.</p> | <p><i>mp</i> 3 Far called, our navies melt away,
 On dune and headland sinks
 the fire ;
 Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
 Is one with Nineveh and Tyre !
 <i>p</i> Judge of the nations, spare us
 yet,
 Lest we forget, lest we forget.</p> |
| <p><i>mp</i> 2 The tumult and the shouting dies ;
 The captains and the kings
 depart ;
 Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
 An humble and a contrite heart :
 <i>p</i> LORD GOD of hosts, be with us
 yet,
 Lest we forget, lest we forget.</p> | <p><i>mp</i> 4 If, drunk with sight of power, we
 loose [in awe,
 Wild tongues that have not Thee
 Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
 Or lesser breeds without the law :
 <i>p</i> LORD GOD of hosts, be with us
 yet,
 Lest we forget, lest we forget.</p> |
| <p><i>mp</i> 5 For heathen heart that puts her trust
 In reeking tube and iron shard ;
 All valiant dust that builds on dust,
 And guarding calls not Thee to guard :
 <i>p</i> For frantic boast and foolish word,
 Thy mercy on Thy people, LORD. Amen.</p> | |

RUDYARD KIPLING, 1897.

These words first appeared in *The Times*, July 17, 1897. They also appeared as the 'Recessional' in Kipling's *Five Nations*, 1903. The allusions in the hymn are to the incidents in the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and especially to the Procession and the Naval Review.