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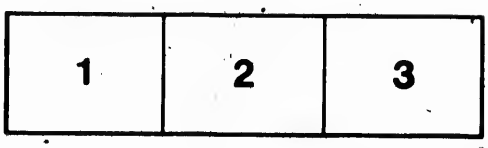

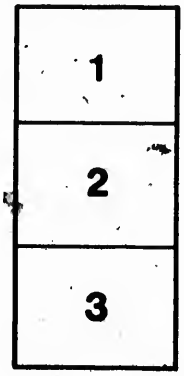

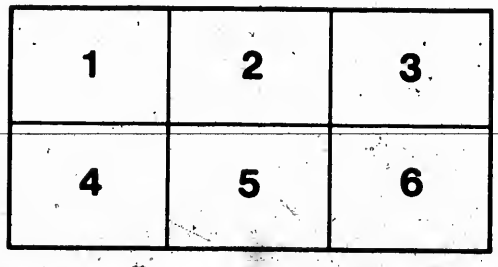

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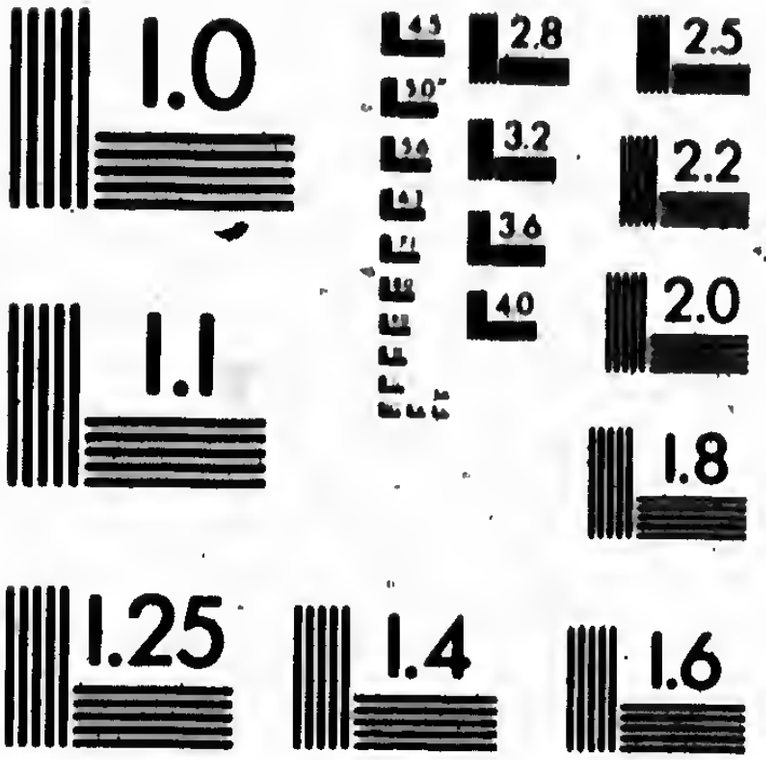

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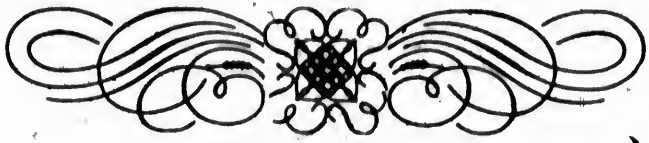

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The *Singing of Psalms* is not an optional department of worship, but a divinely appointed ordinance. It is pleasing to God, and profitable to his people; and, in every time of lively earnest religion—as in the earliest days of Christianity, and the period following the Reformation—much prominence has been given to exercises of united praise.

The primary duty is, to sing with the heart—*for this is worship.* But who does not recognise the propriety of singing with taste and understanding too?

The object of the present compilation is to facilitate the cultivation of SACRED MUSIC. The thing we desiderate in the vocal praise of God, is, "grave, sweet melody." We are very far from approving the taste which, of late years, has produced and sanctioned so vast a multitude of Psalm and Hymn Tunes of a light and florid character,—full of involved passages, ambitious solos, and vain, irreverent repetitions. We would have them grave without gloom, simple without dulness, and cheerful without levity. The music we seek must be appropriate to *worship*—not to anything of operatic or theatrical *display*. In the following collection, therefore, will be found the *Old Airs*—so precious, not only for their intrinsic beauty, but also for their heart-stirring associations,—together with such modern compositions as have received a judicious and general approbation, and by their touching pathos or simple cheerfulness, subserve the great end of intelligent and harmonious worship.

There may be "bawling" in the Church—but there can be no true and pleasant "singing," until Congregations generally make this matter their *study*, and *learn to sing*. There are but few to whom the capacity has been entirely denied; and we hope the time is not far distant when all will learn to sing as regularly as they learn to read. The present collection is published with a view to meet the wants of many Families and Congregations, and to promote a general improvement in the vocal praises of the Church, that these may be more harmoniously celebrated by the worshippers at large, and not confined to little coteries or choirs of practised voices, while the people are dumb, or follow at a halting pace.

The excellent William Romaine, in an Essay on Psalmody, published A. D., 1775, keenly rebukes the practice of leaving this department of public worship to be "performed" *before* a congregation, not conducted intelligently,

heartily, and unitedly by them:—" I have scarce ever seen a congregation in which every one joined in singing. This is a very great abuse, because it is defeating the end of God's institution. He commanded Psalms to be sung for mutual edification. It was to be the service of the whole Church. All were to join; whereas, among us, it is performed by some few, and they are sometimes set by themselves in a singing gallery, or in a corner of the church, where they sing to be admired for their fine voices, and often look about for their entertainment. This is a vile prostitution of Church Music, and contrary to the letter and spirit both of the Old Testament and the New."

The human voice, by its natural constitution, is of four classes—Treble, Counter Tenor, Tenor, and Bass. Without going into this fourfold division, the Sacred Music in the present collection is harmonized in three parts:—

First.—The Air or Melody, always the leading part—to be sung by Treble voices—that is, by the females and children.

Second.—The Counter Tenor, or Second Treble—to be sung by the deeper-toned females and highest male voices.

Third.—The Tenor—to be sung exclusively by Tenor voices.

Fourth.—The Bass—appropriated to the deep-toned male voices.

There must always be, in Congregational singing, a harsh, "jangling" confusion of sound, so long as the air is [illegible] by men, women, and children. Few, indeed, imagining that they sing the Bass, when they are merely following out the Air in a great measure.

Vigorously try to all—Take the trouble to study the parts proper to your voices. Then, and not till then, will be a pleasing harmony. Let the voice come from the chest—not from the nose or throat. Let not the [illegible] be hidden, but the clearest time drawled, and adhere strictly to your own part; sing it as it is written—without any grace notes or ornamental flourishes whatever.

"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with Psalms."

Montague, September, 1851.

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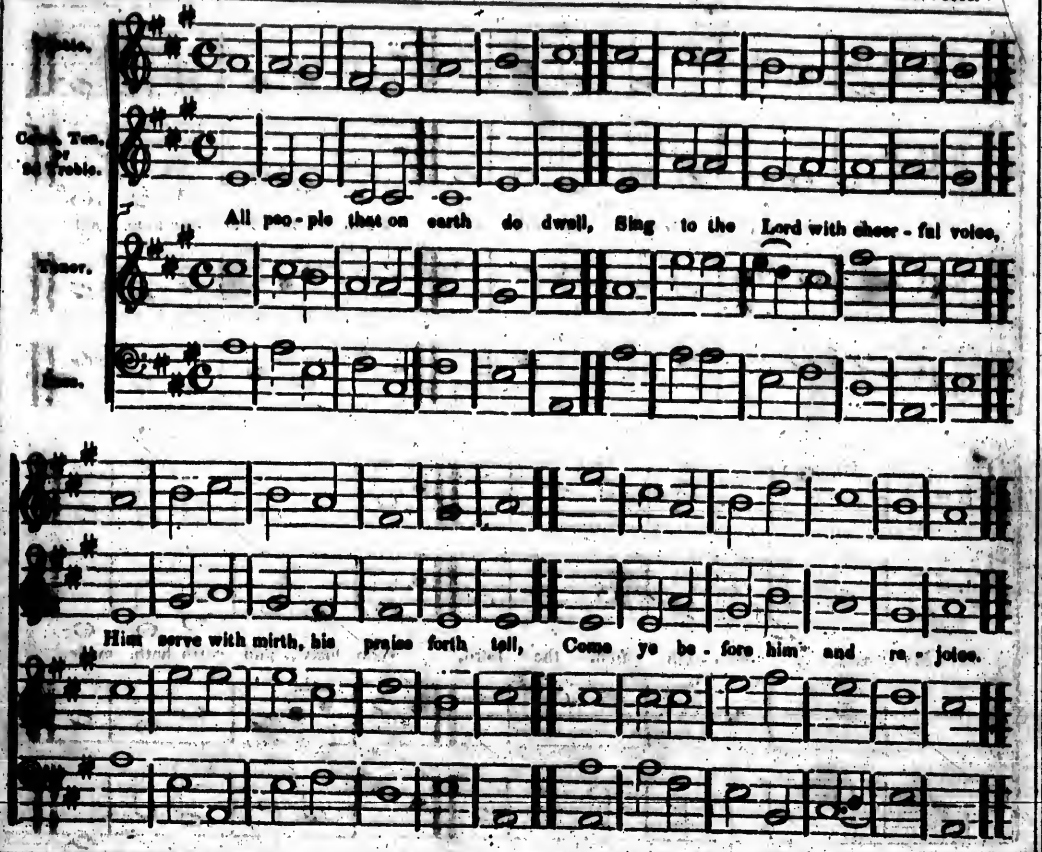

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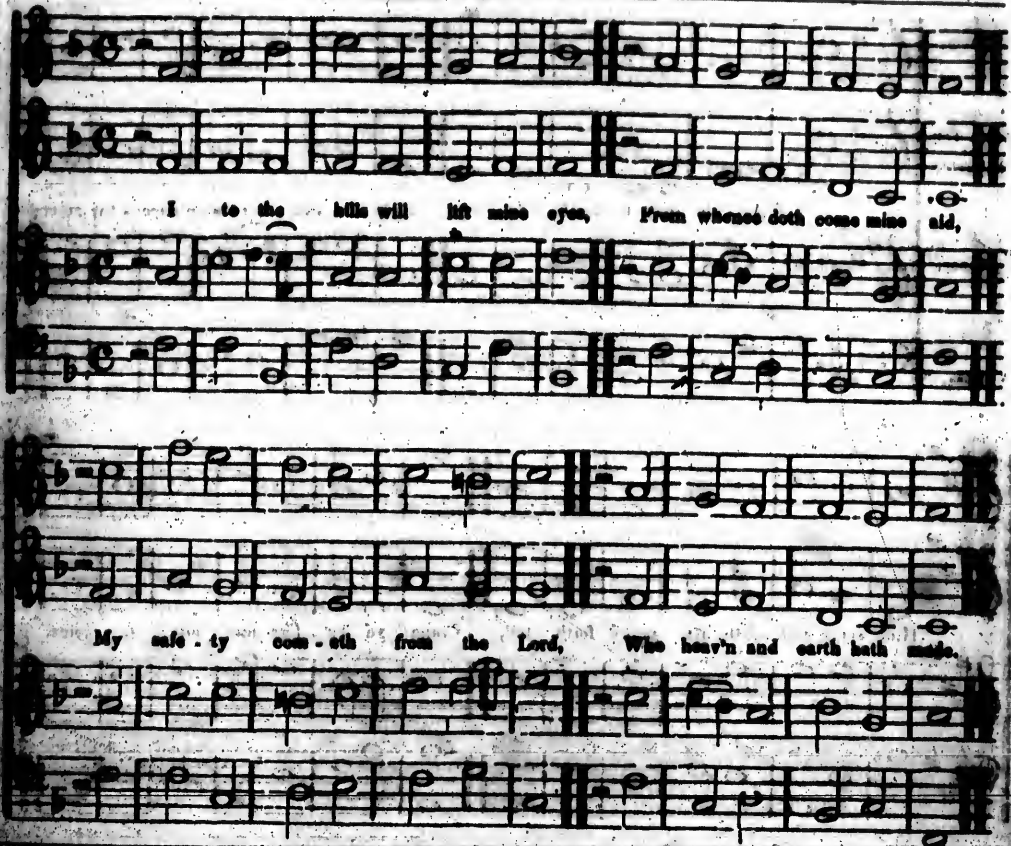
I to the hills will lift mine eyes, From whence doth come mine aid,
My safe - ty com - eth from the Lord, Who heav'n and earth hath made.

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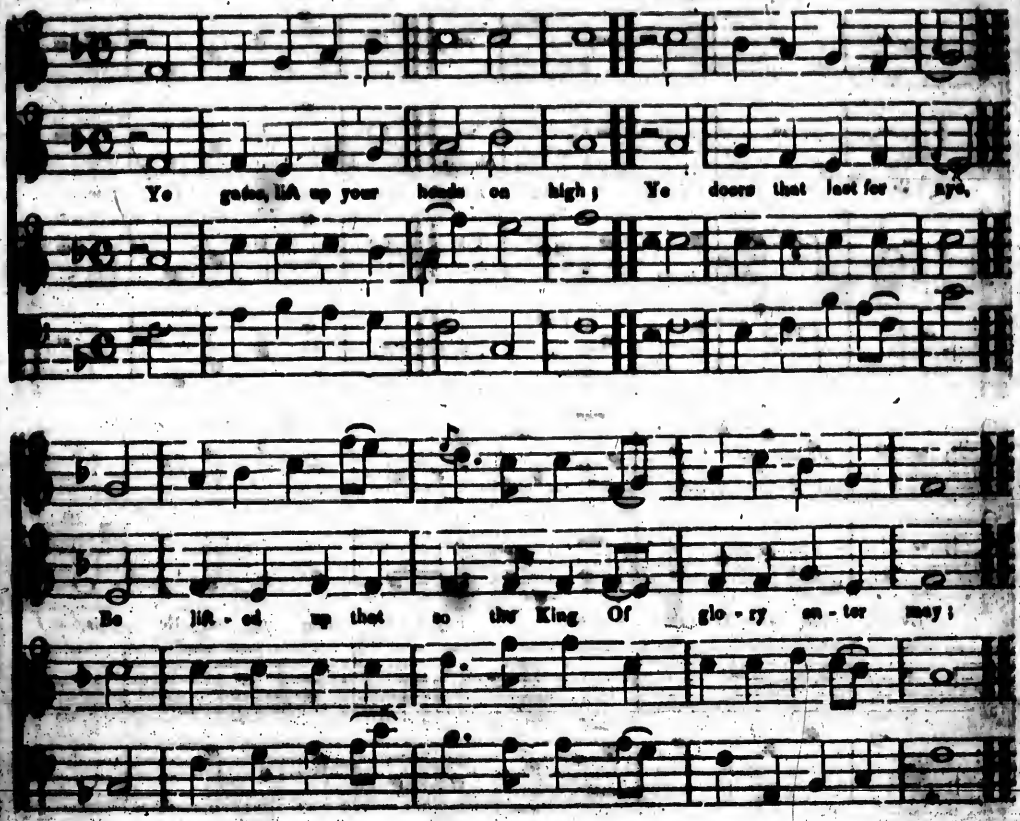
III.—St. GEORGE'S EDINBURGH.—C.M.D.

Dr. Andrew Thomson.



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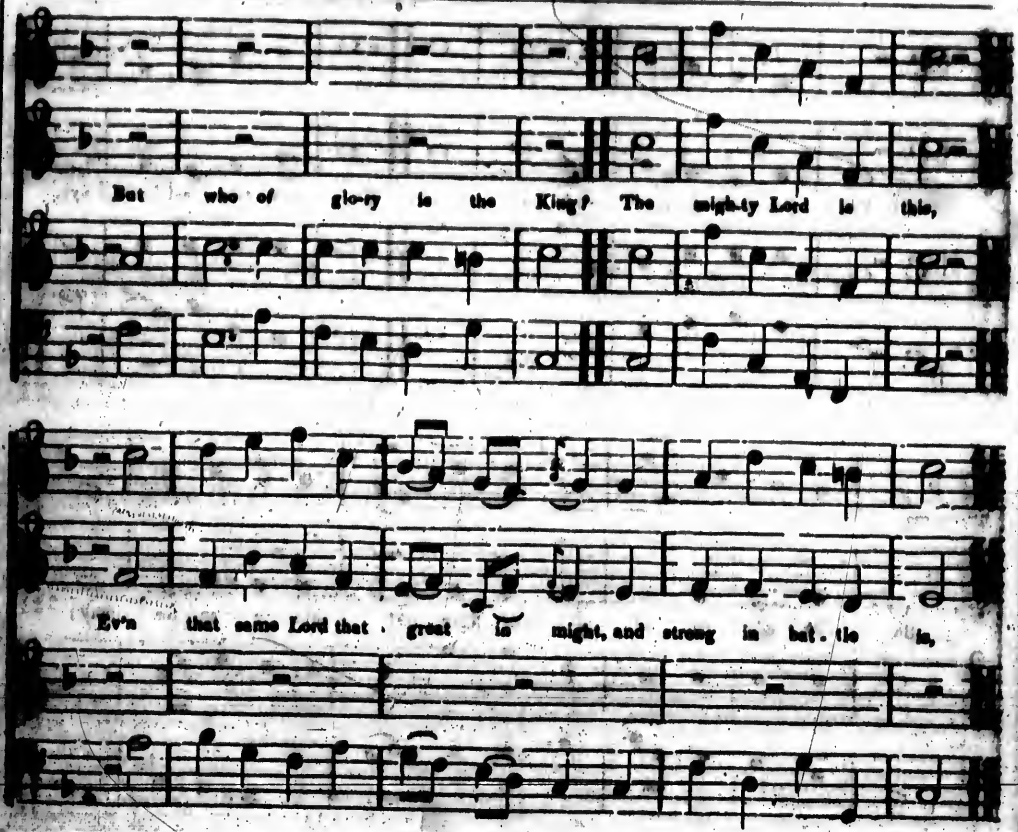

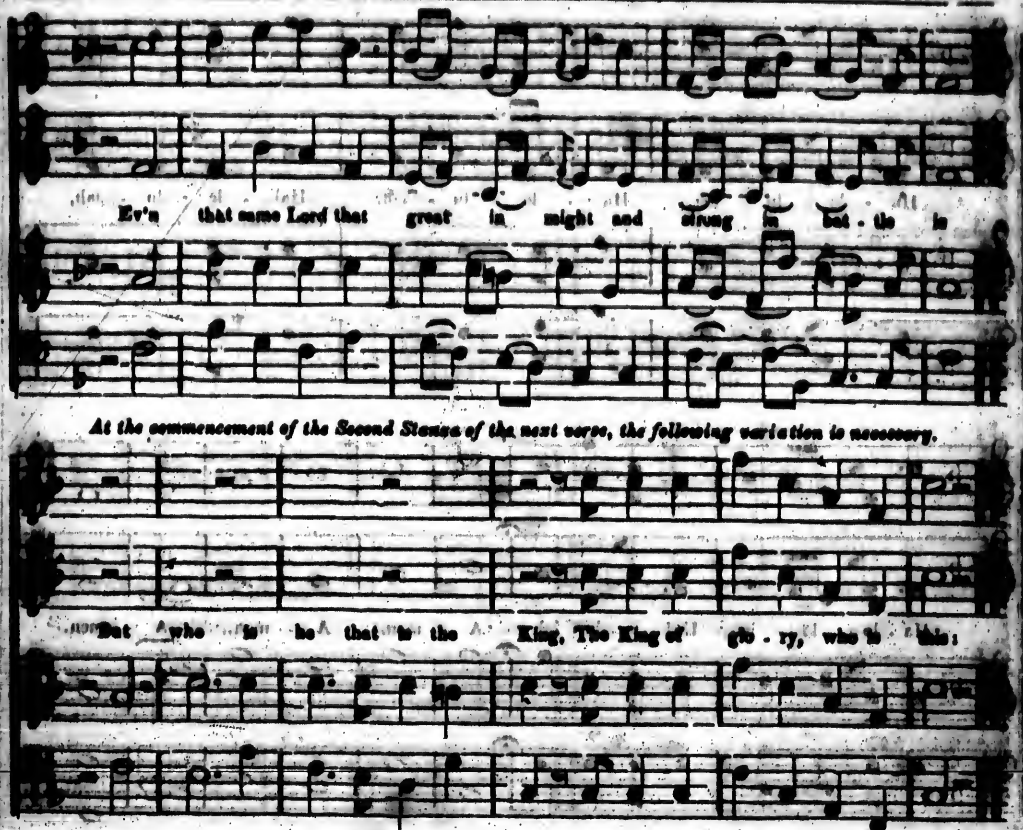
Ev'n that same Lord that great in might and strong in bat . tle is
At the commencement of the Second Stanza of the next verse, the following variation is necessary.
But who is he that is the King, The King of glo . ry, who is this:

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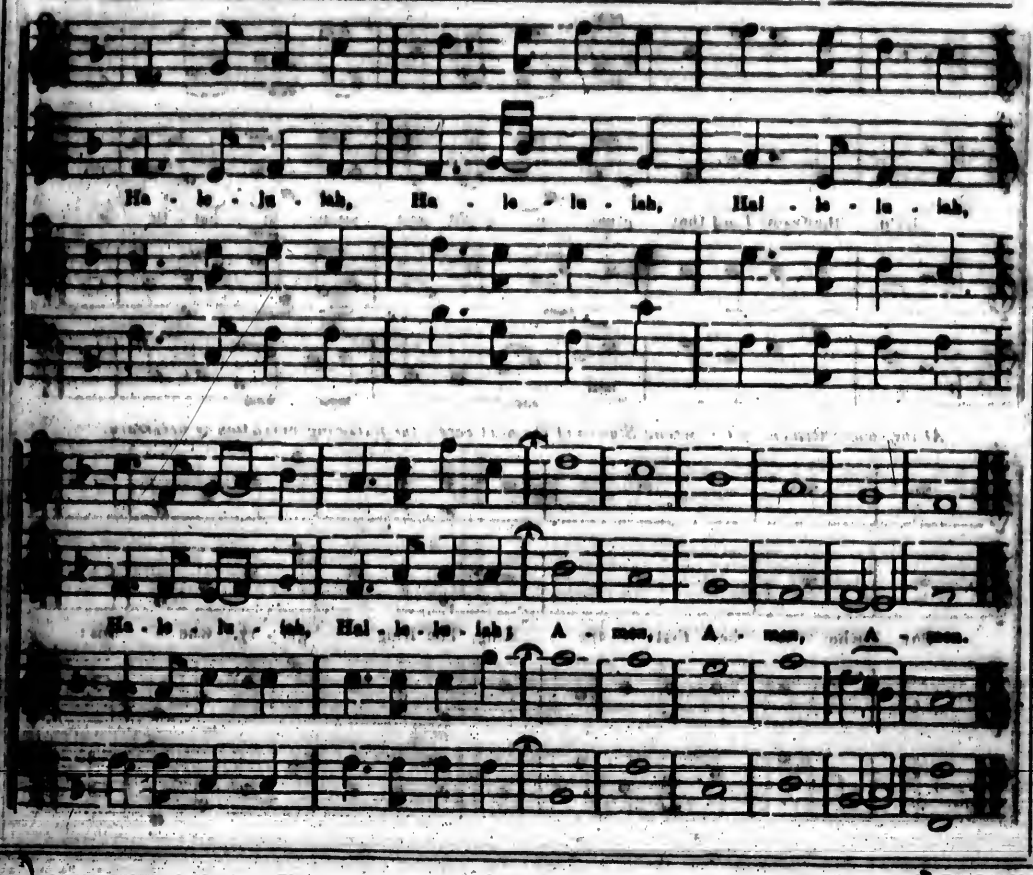

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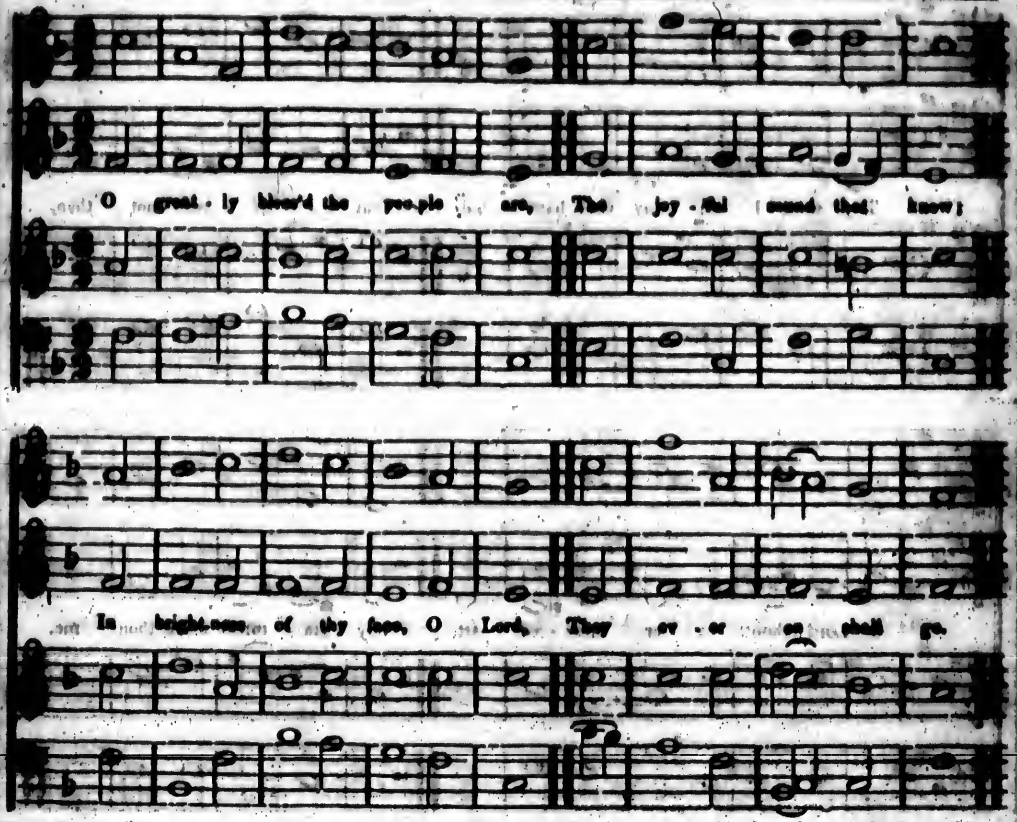
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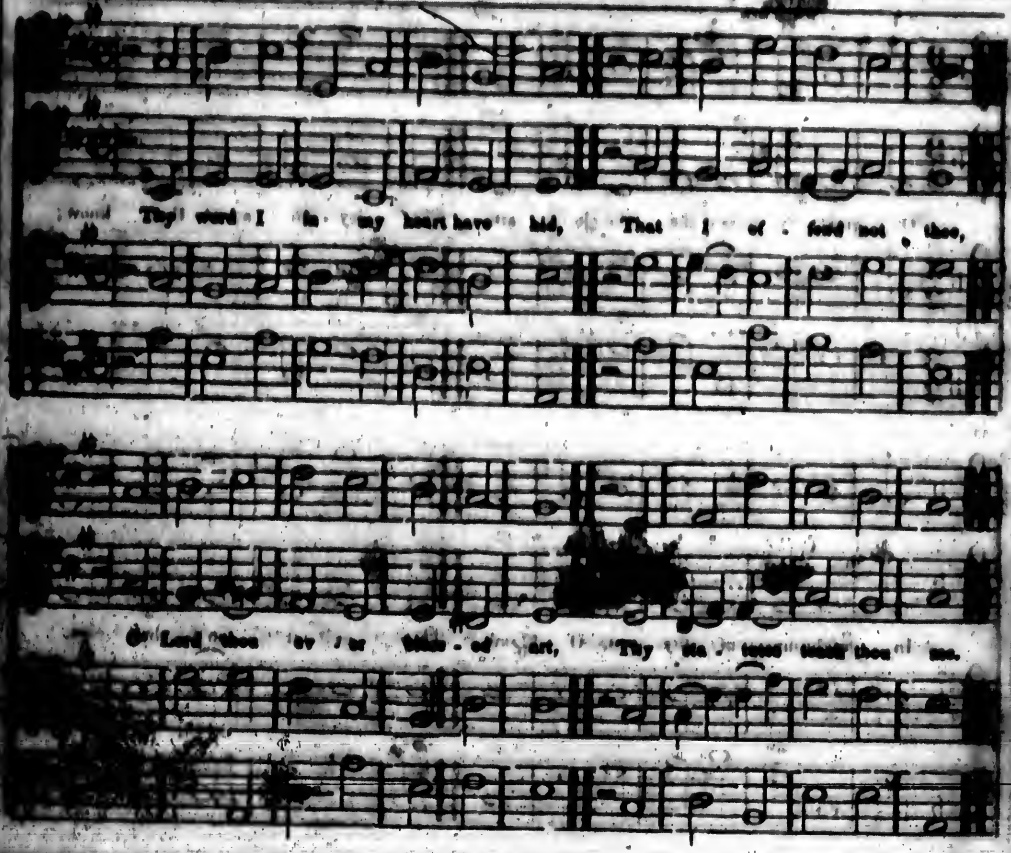
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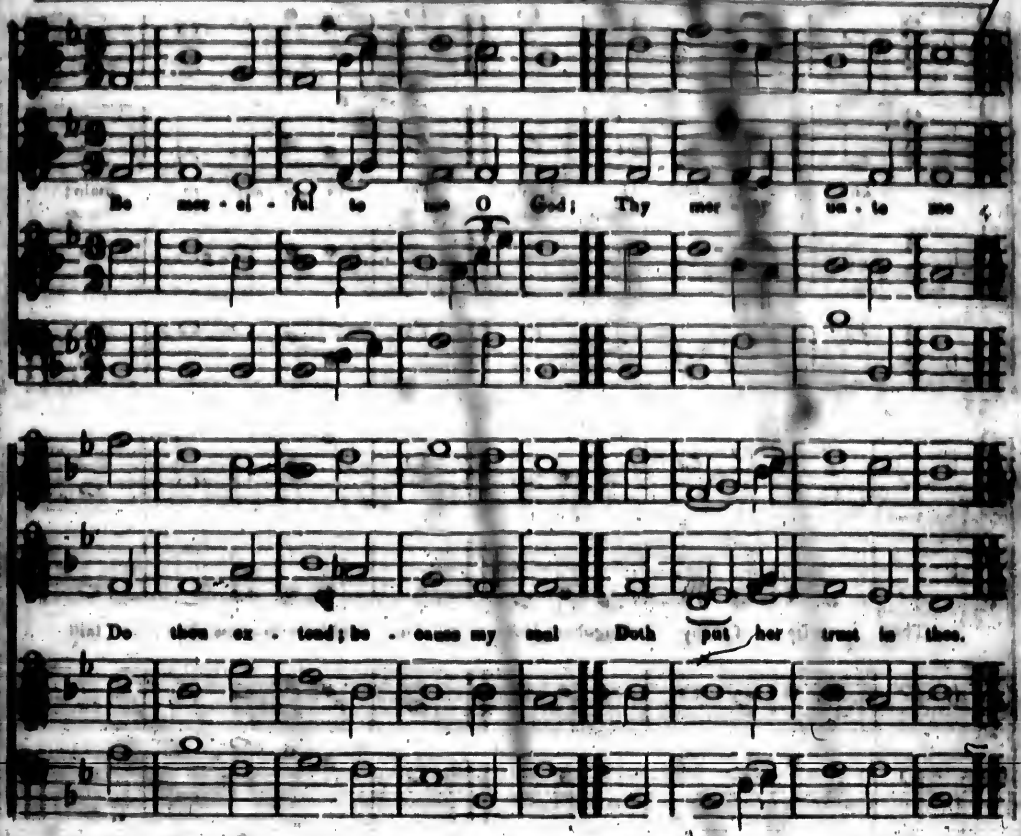

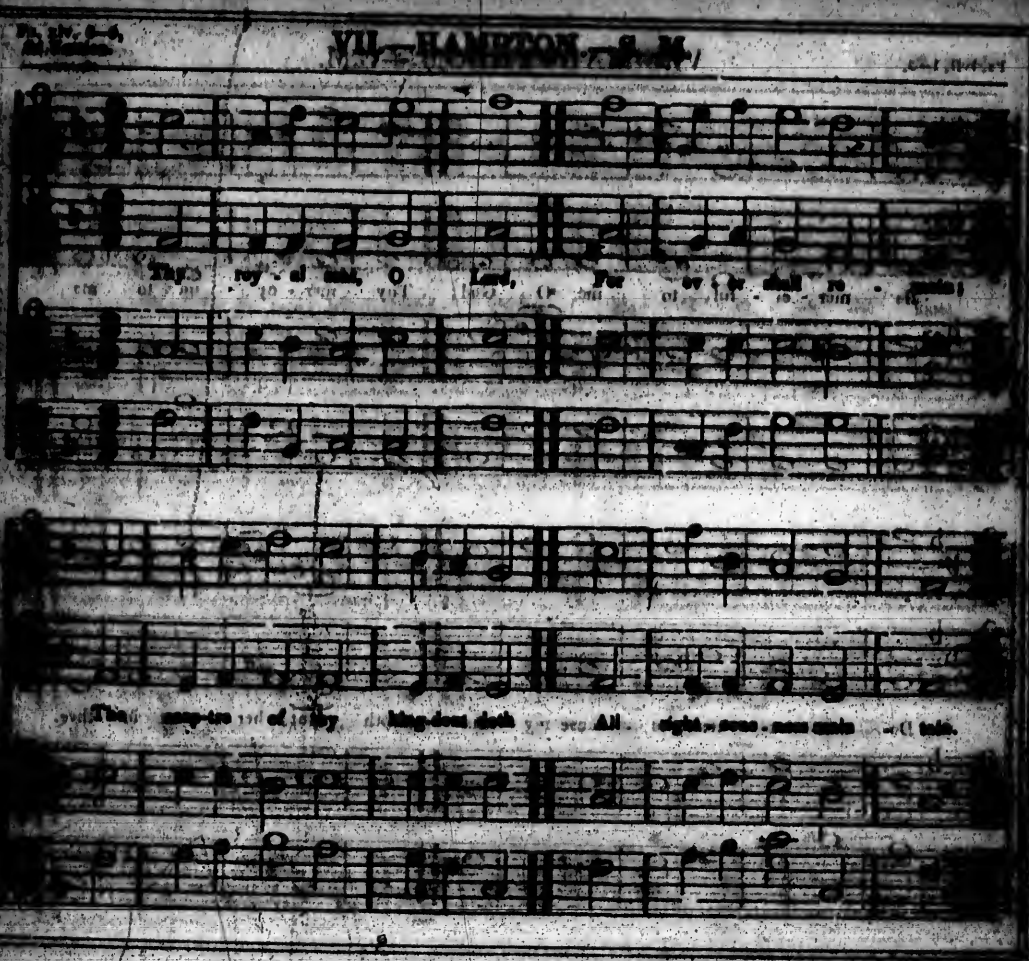
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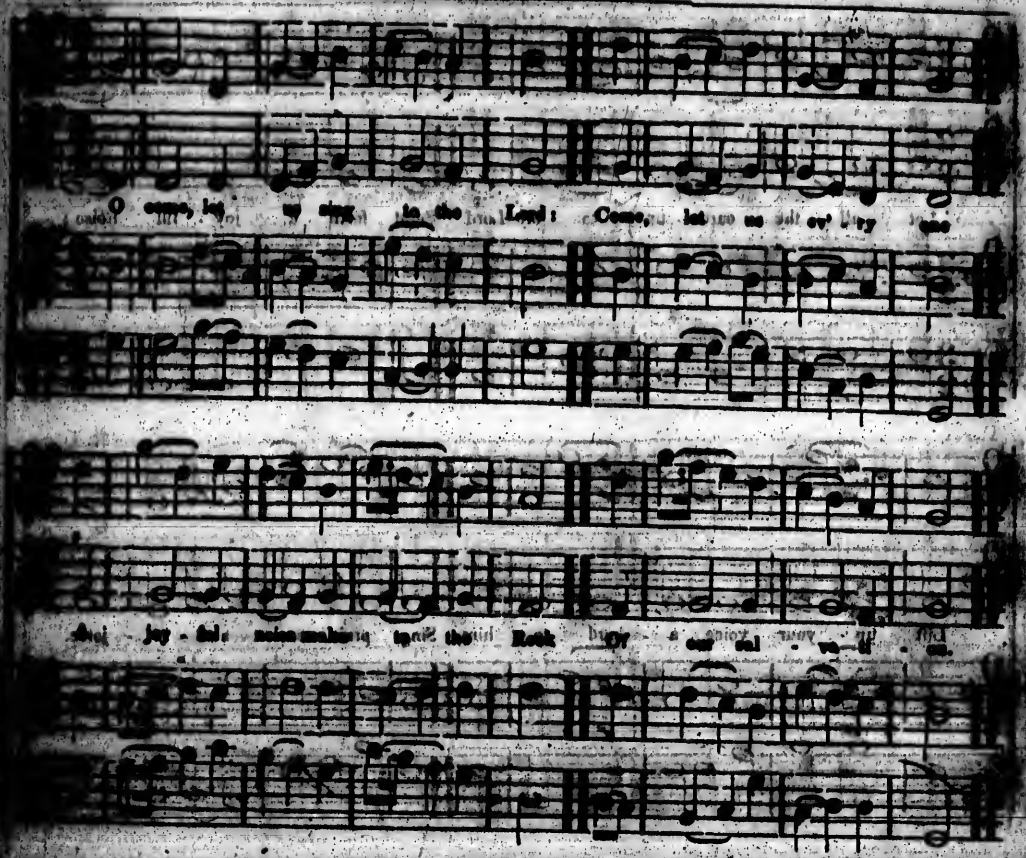
Thy roy - al state, O Lord, For ev - er shall re - main
Thy sceptre of thy kingdom doth All ages - sure - ly stain


O come, let us sing to the Lord: Come, let us
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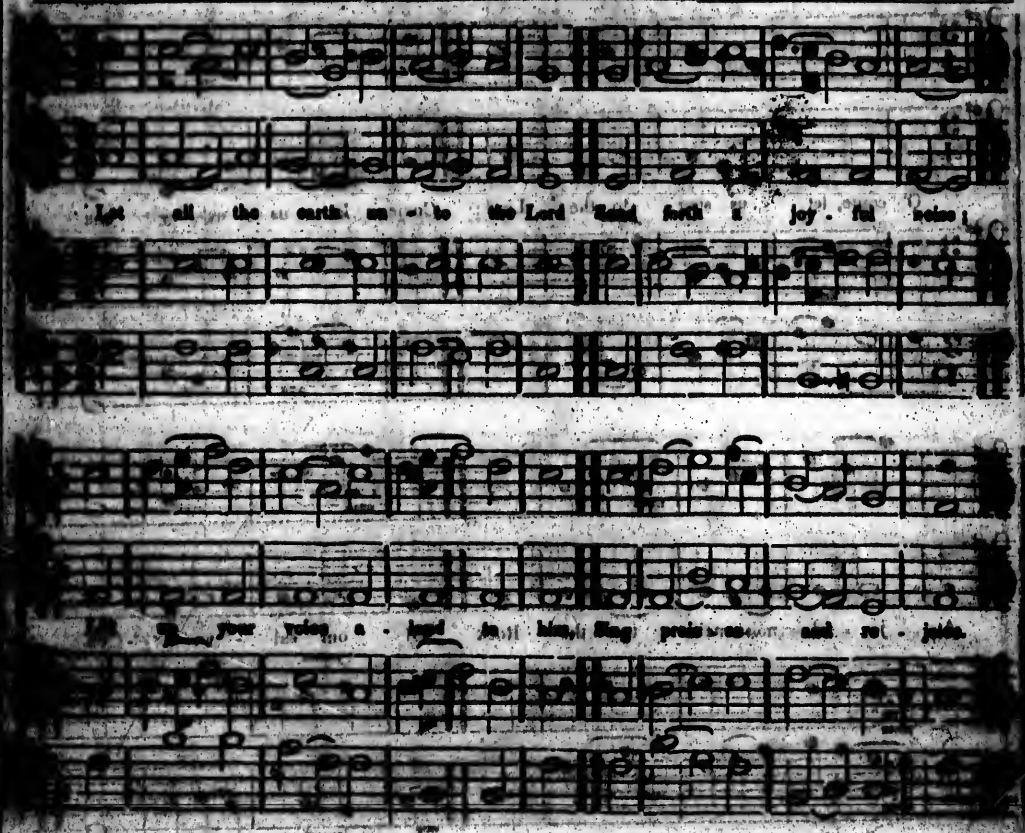

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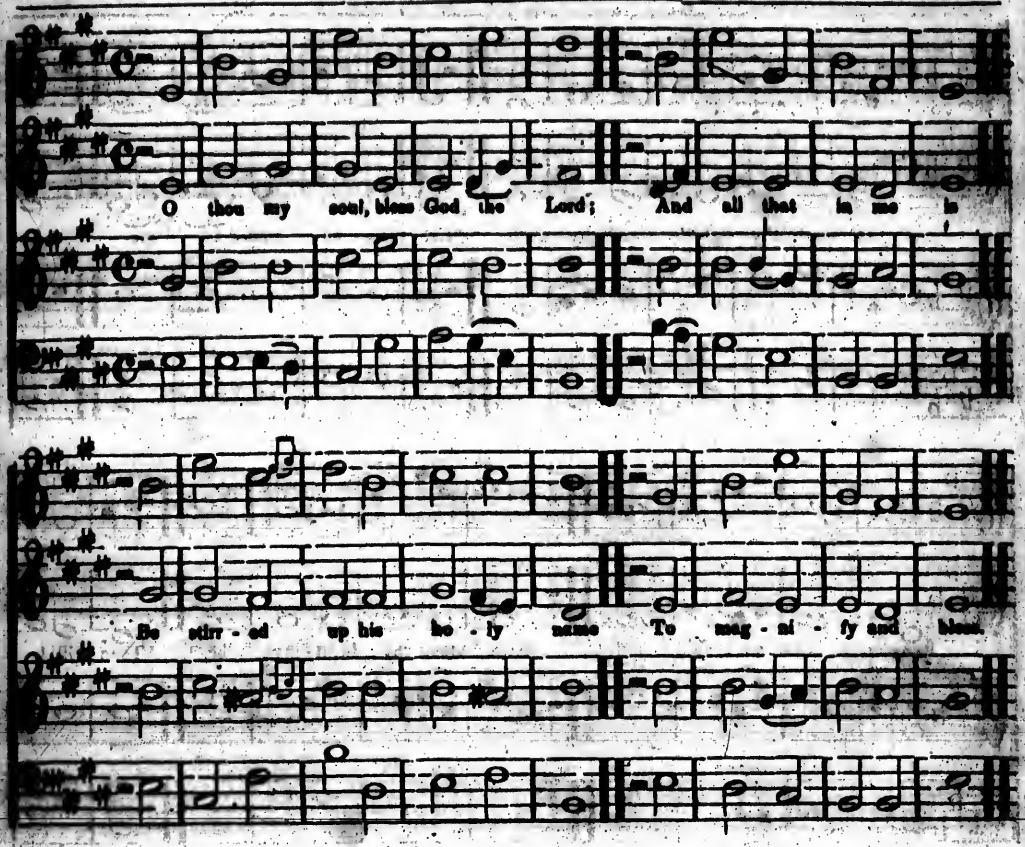

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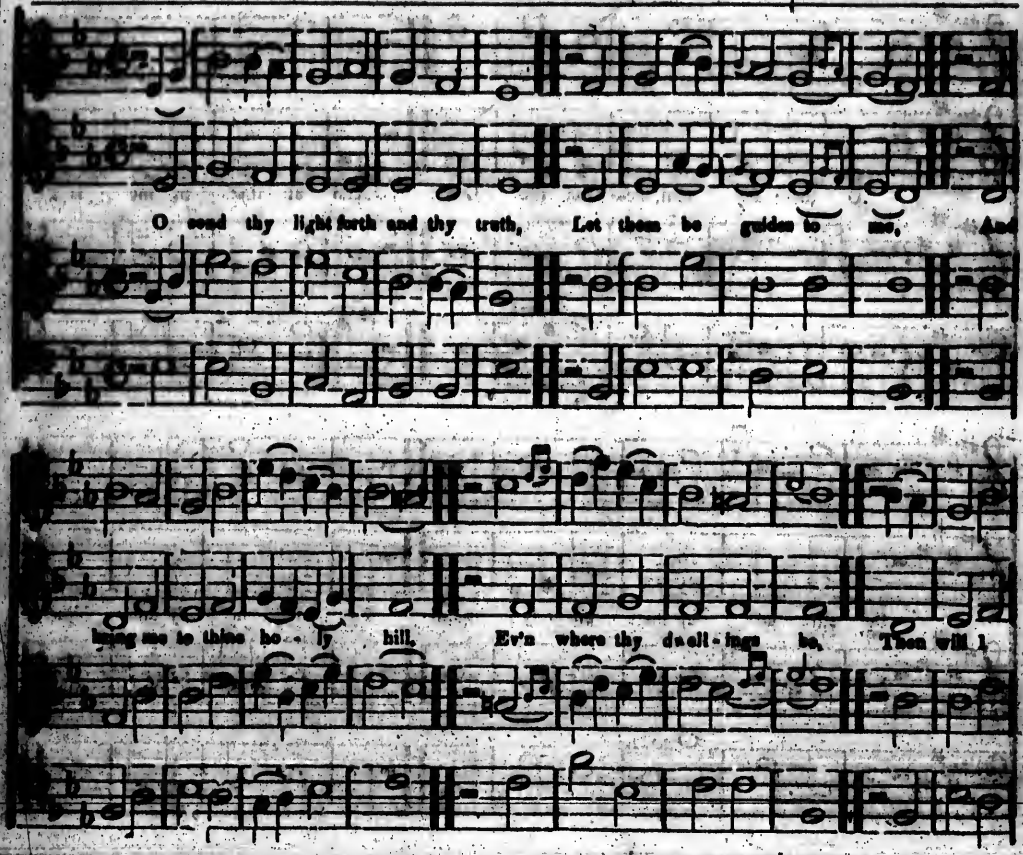

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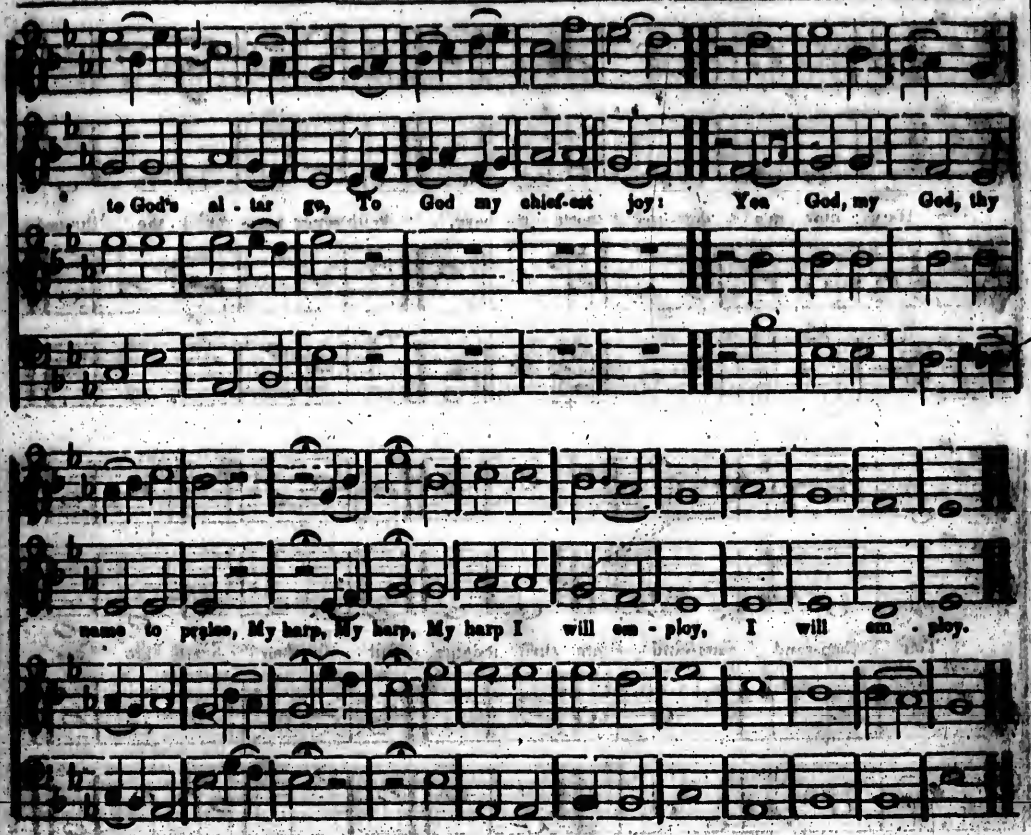

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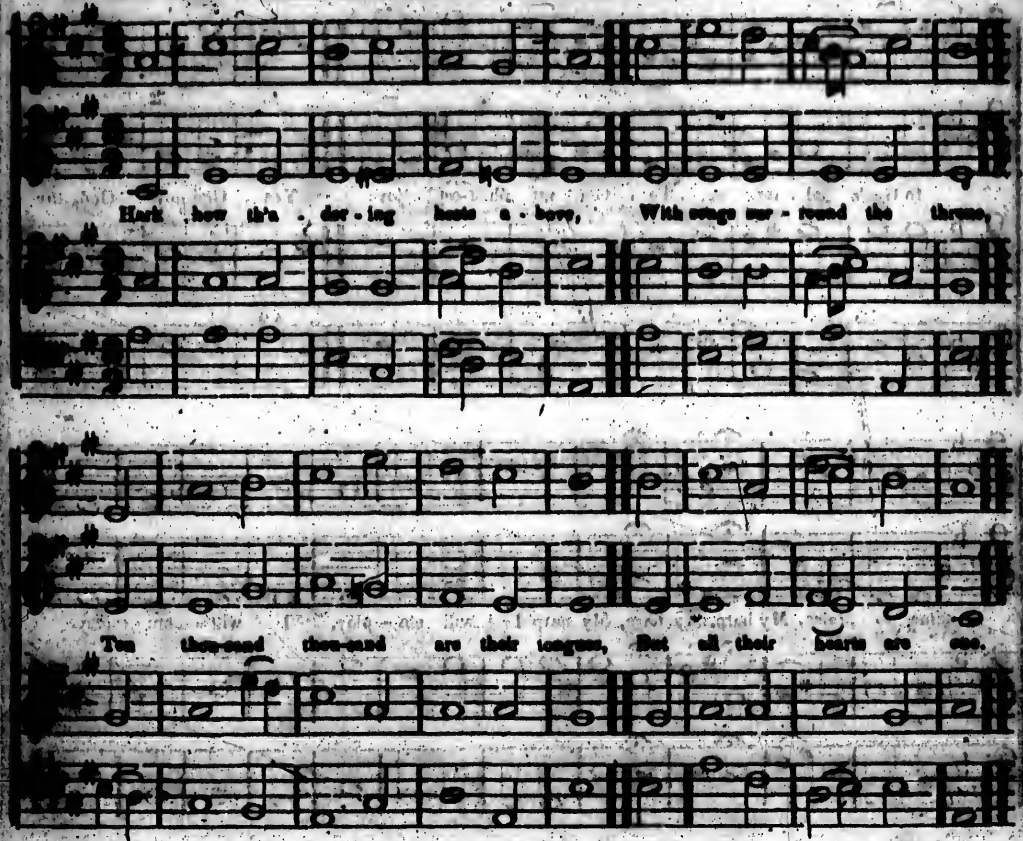

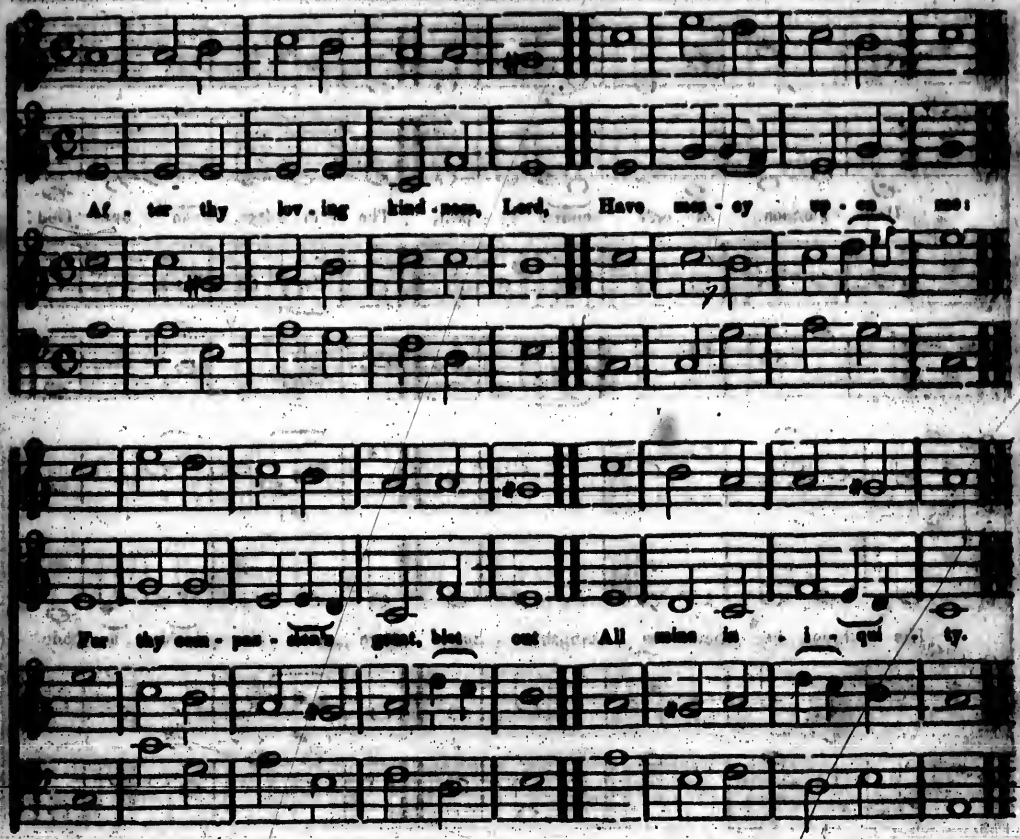
Af - ter thy lov - ing kind - ness, Lord, Have mer - cy up - on me:
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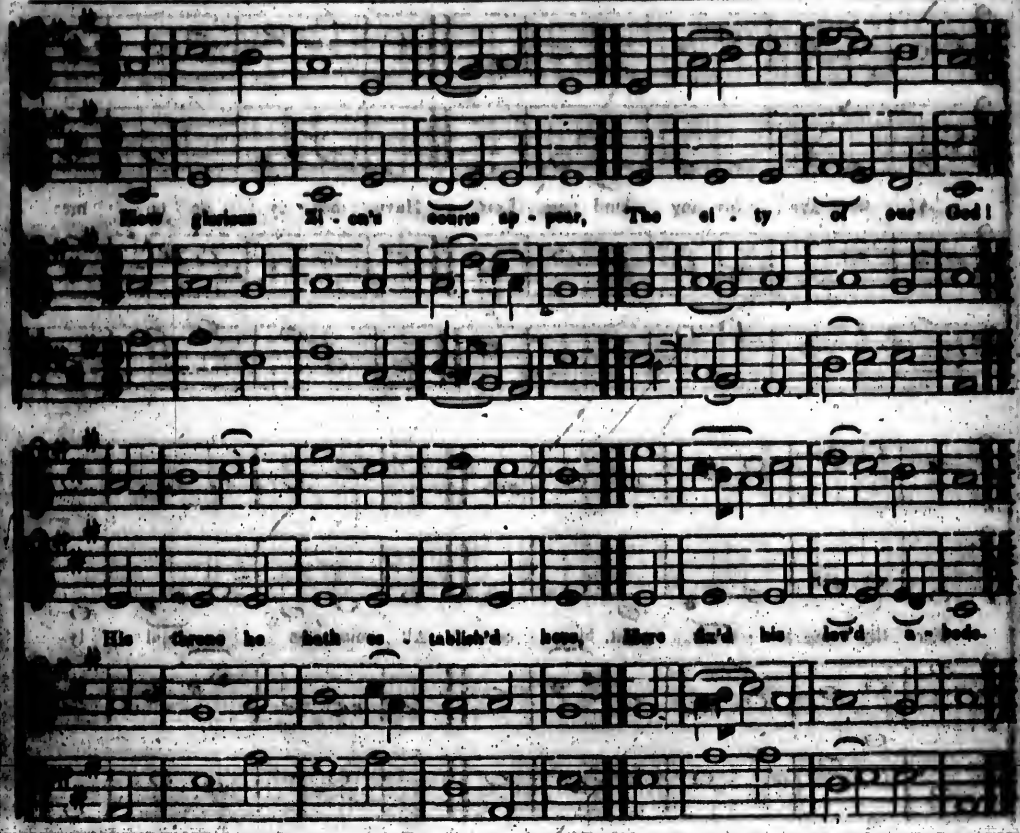
How glorious Zi - on's courts ap - pear, The ci - ty of our God!
His throne he hath es - tablish'd here, Here dw'l his lov'd a - bode.

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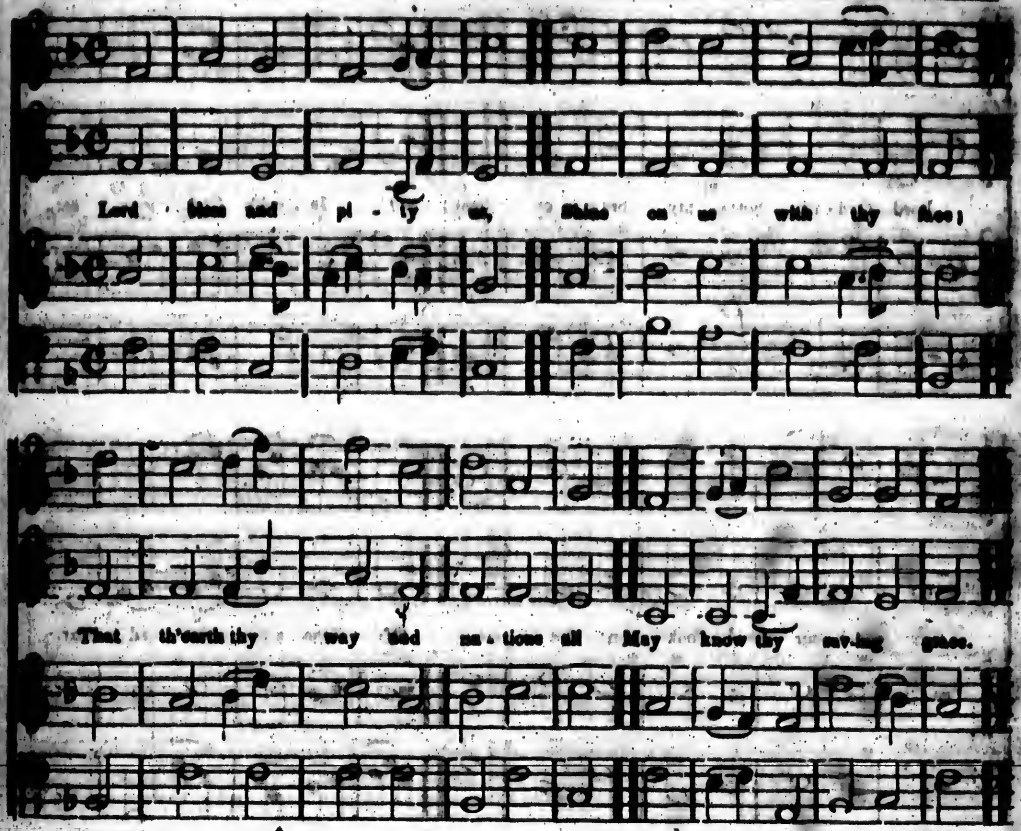
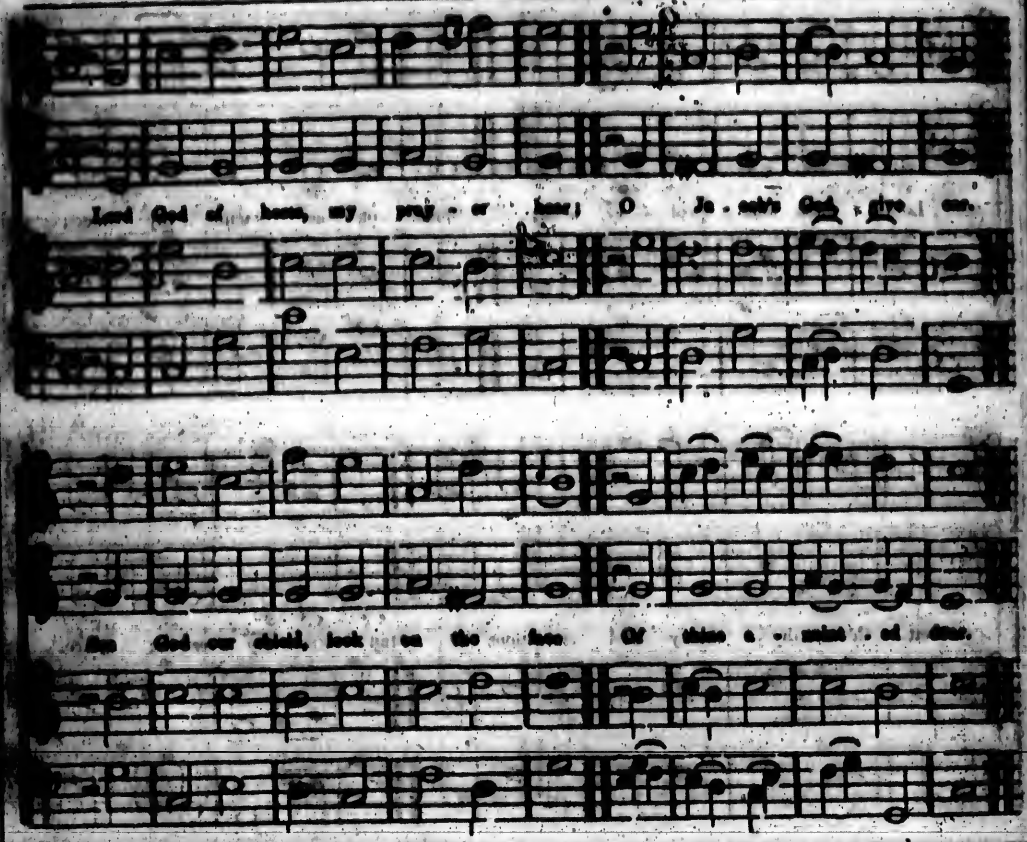
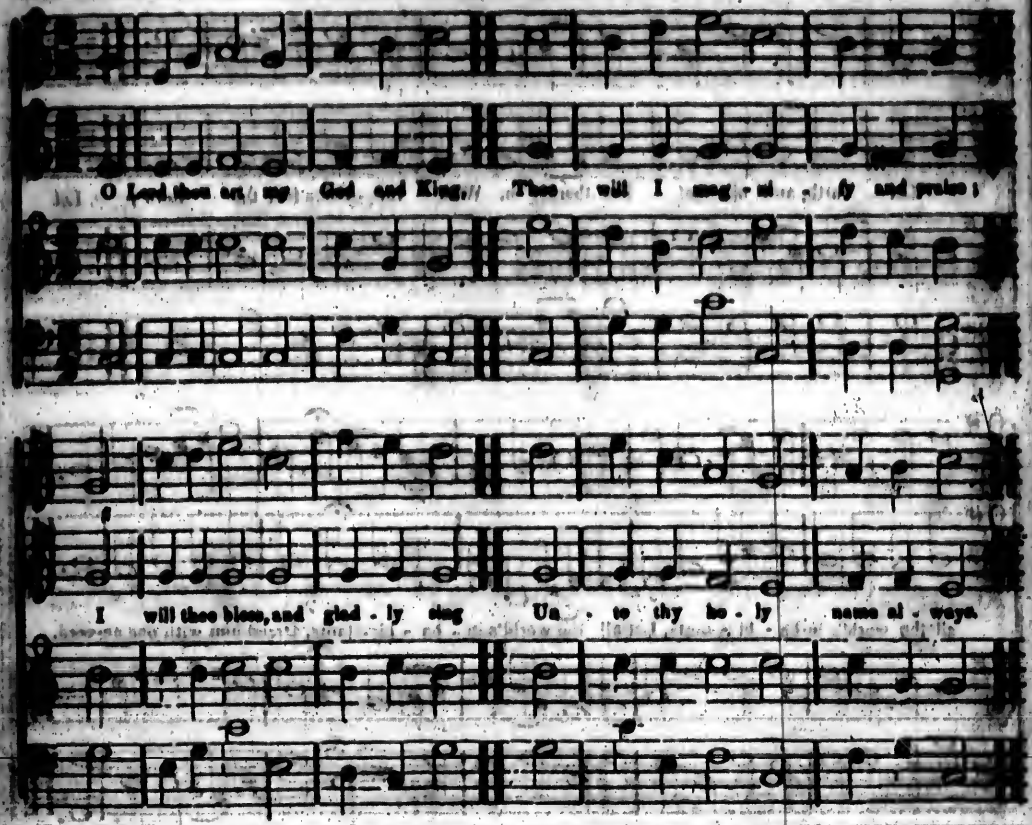
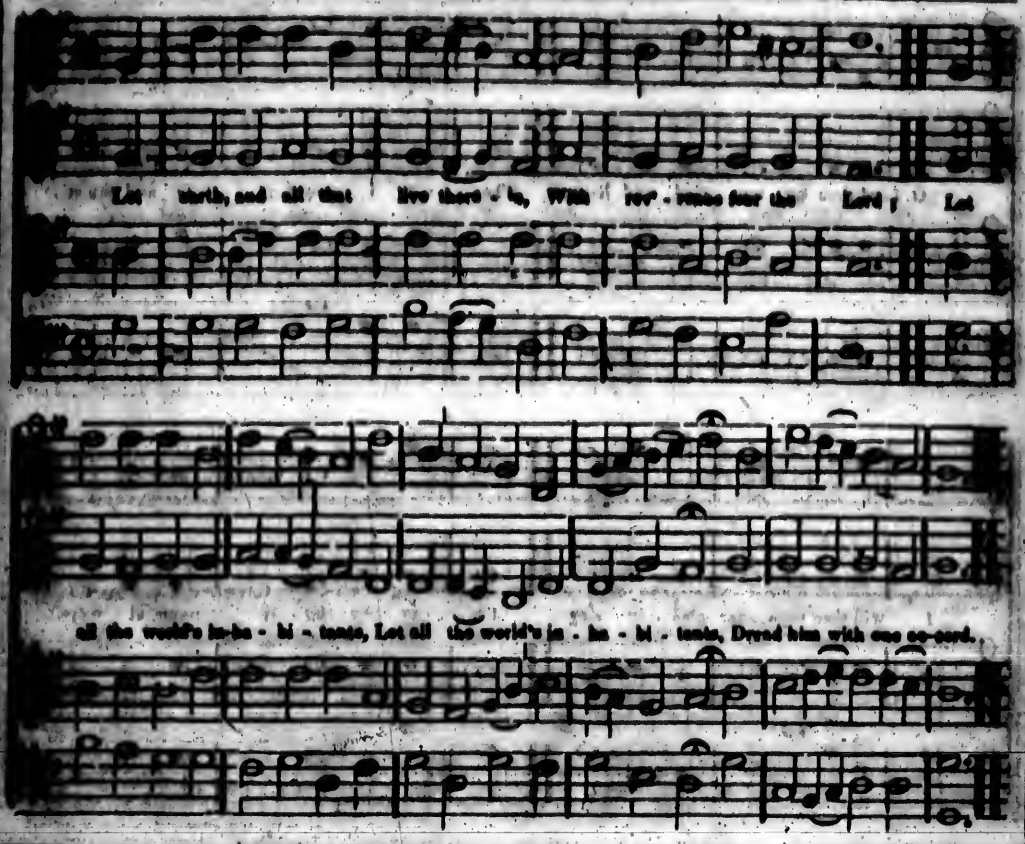


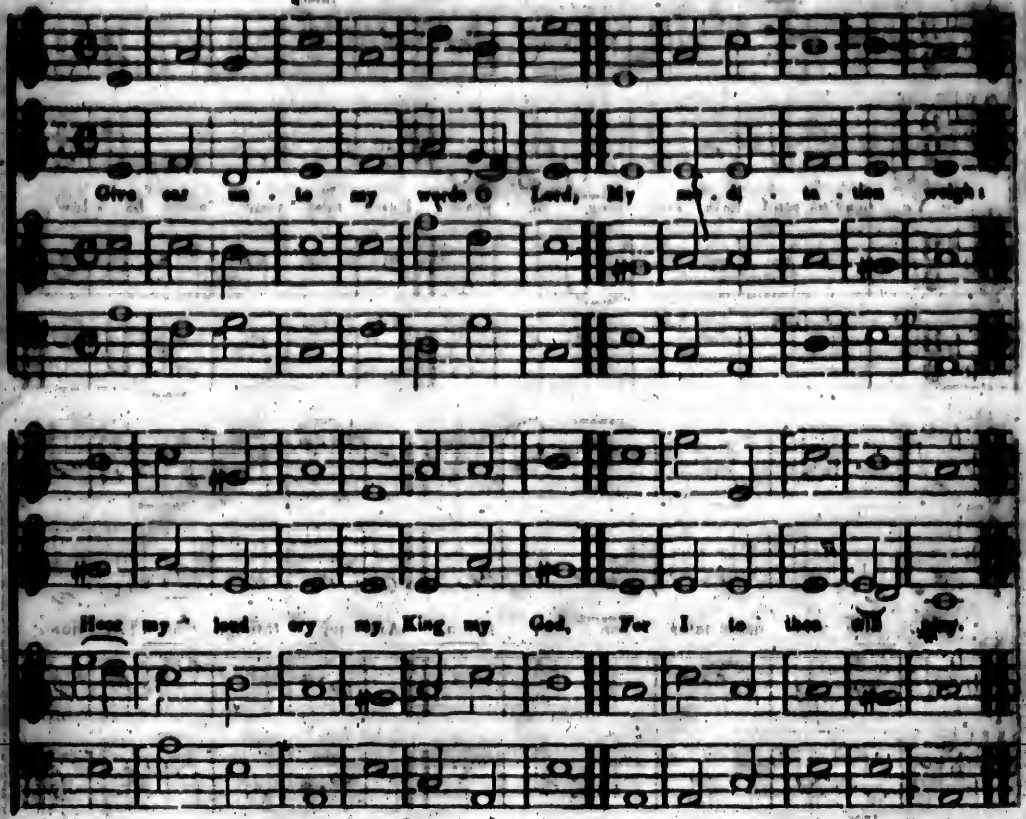

Lord God of hosts, my pray - er hear; O Ja - cob's God, give ear.
Be - hold our shield, look on the face Of thine a - noint - ed race.


O Lord thou art my God and King, Thee will I mag - ni - fy and praise;
I will thee bless, and glad - ly sing Un - to thy ho - ly name al - ways.


Let earth, and all that live there - in, With rev - rence fear the Lord; Let
all the world's in-ha - bi - tants, Let all the world's in - ha - bi - tants, Dread him with one ac-cord.

XIX.—COUPAR.—C.M.

Press John Stuart's Factory, Edin.



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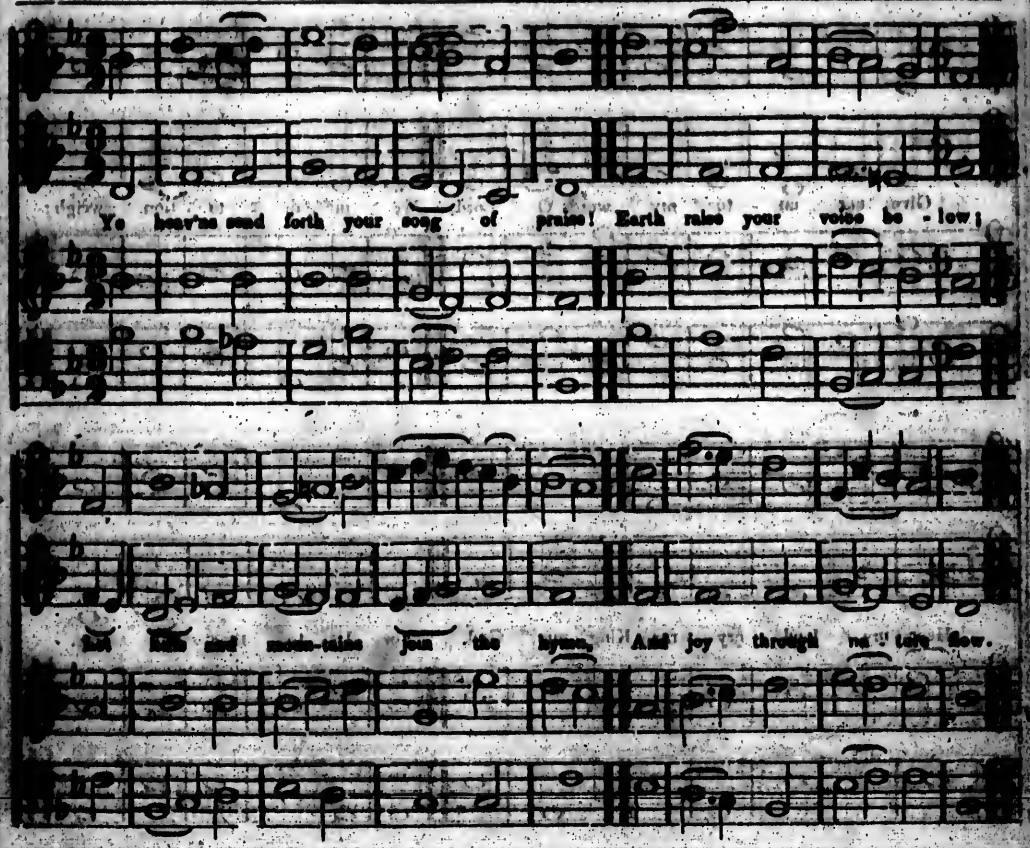

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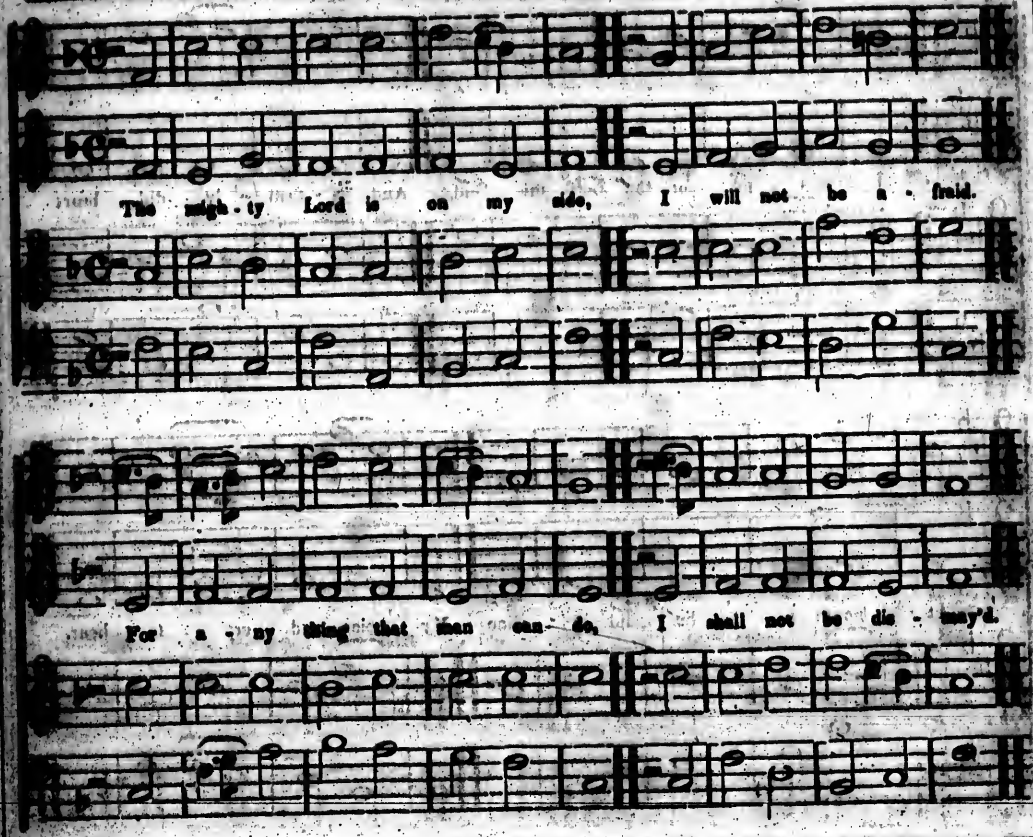
Martin Luther.



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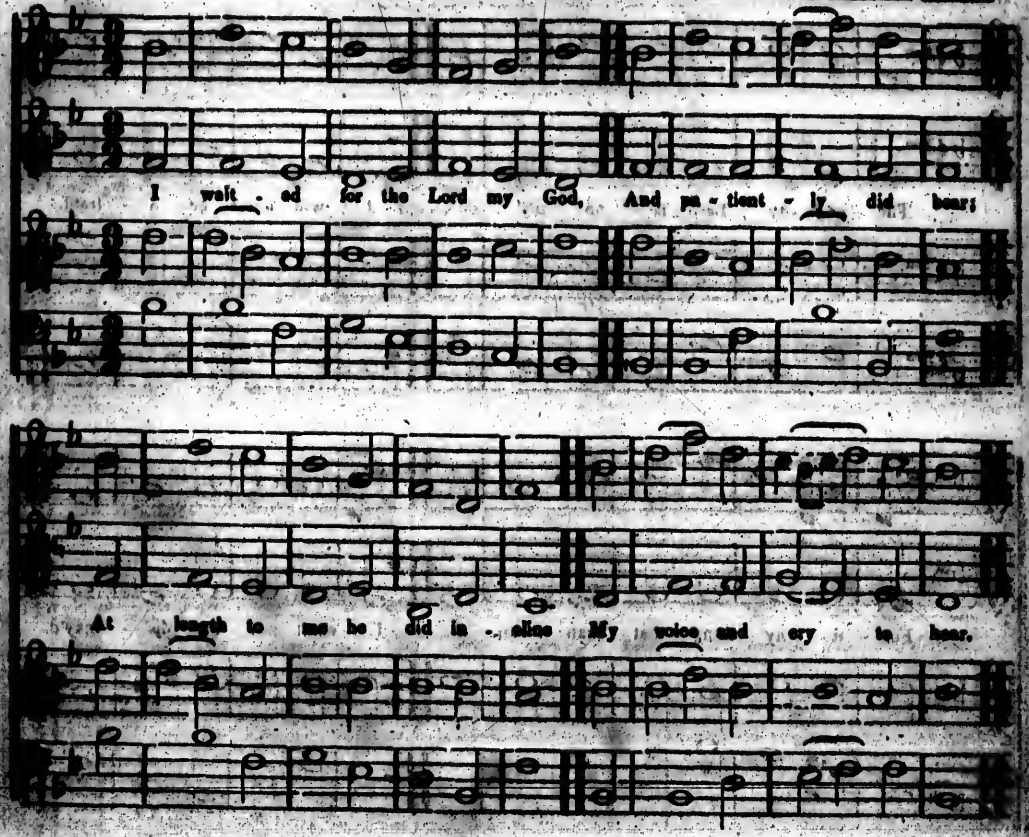
Spanish Melody of 16th Century.



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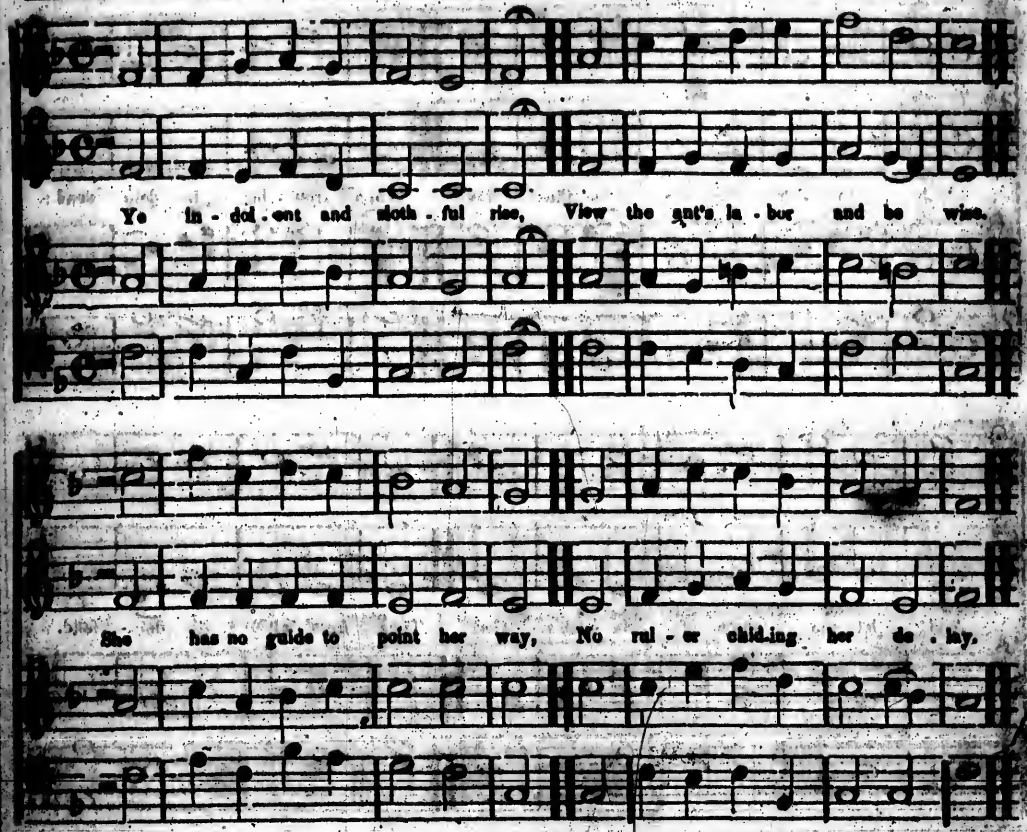

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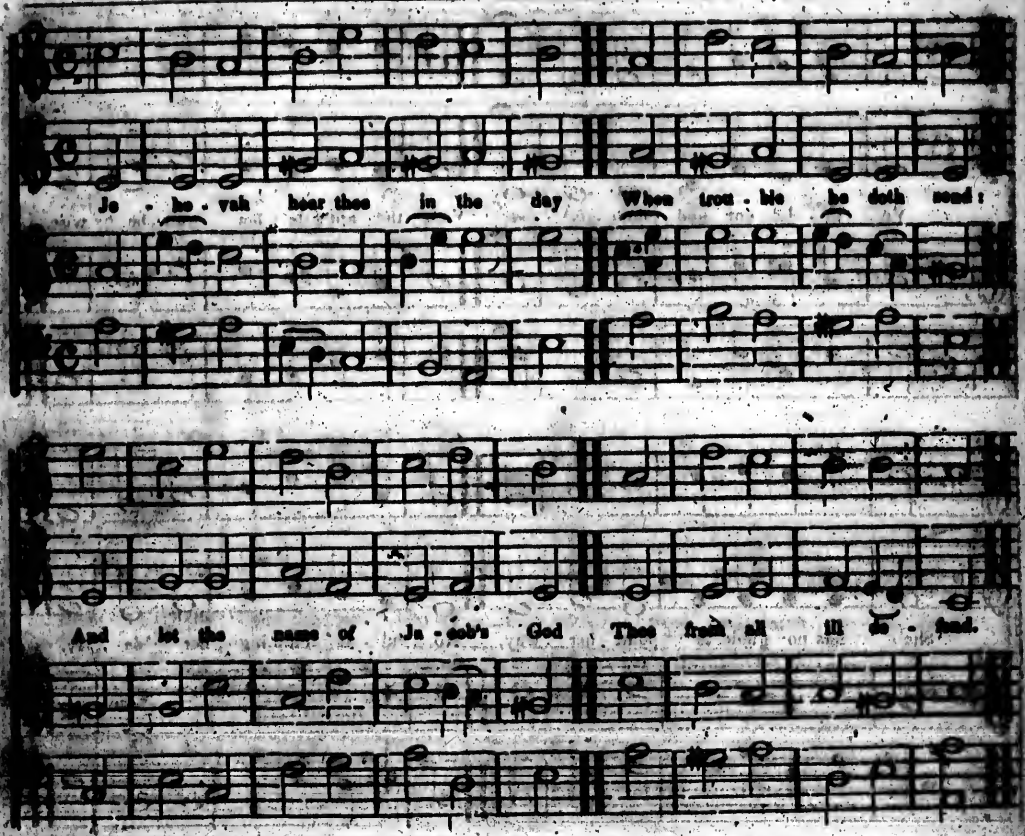

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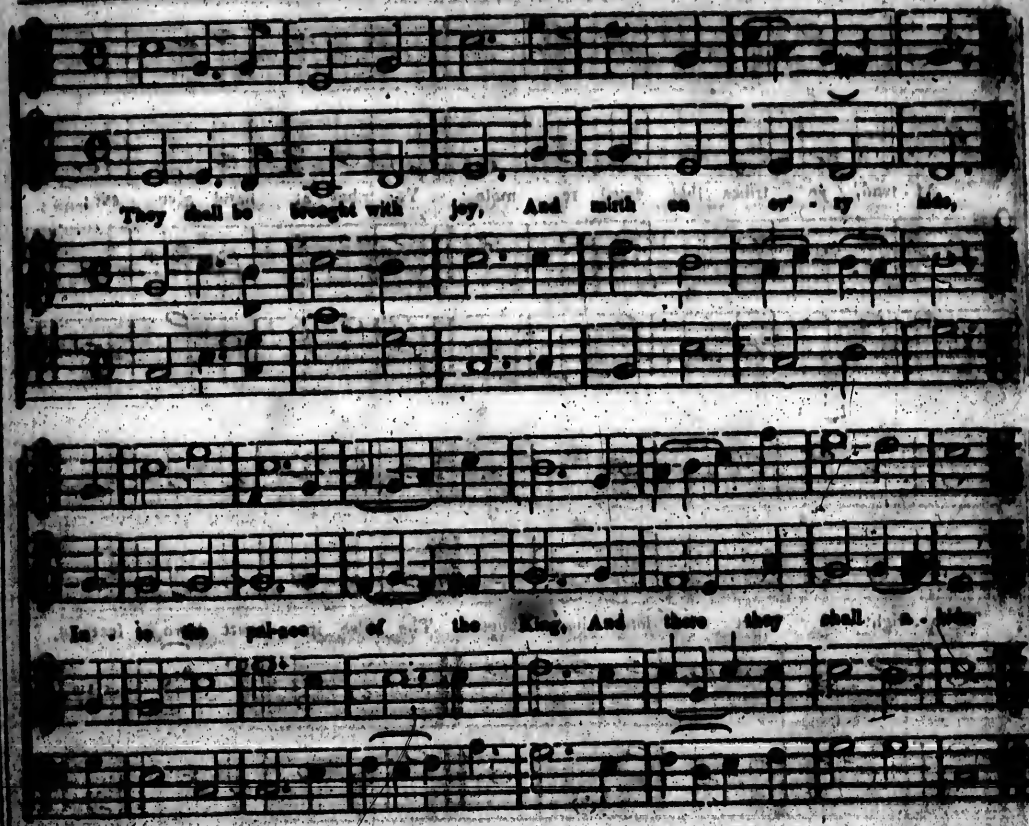
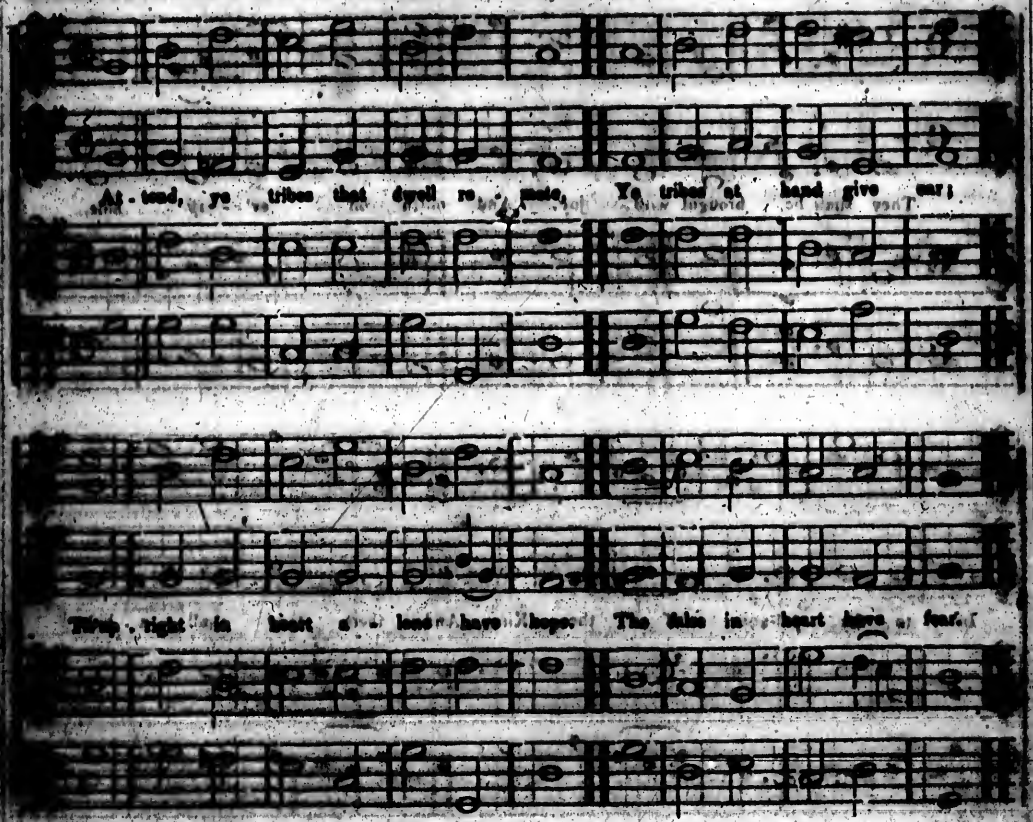
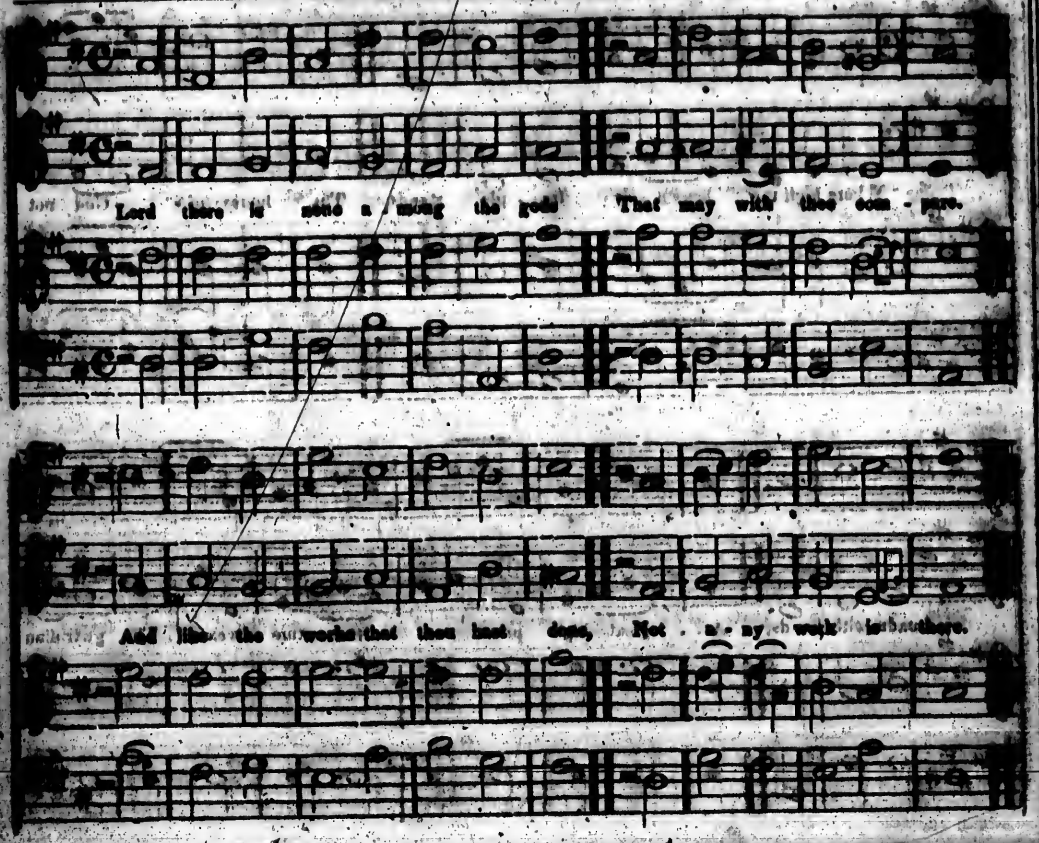
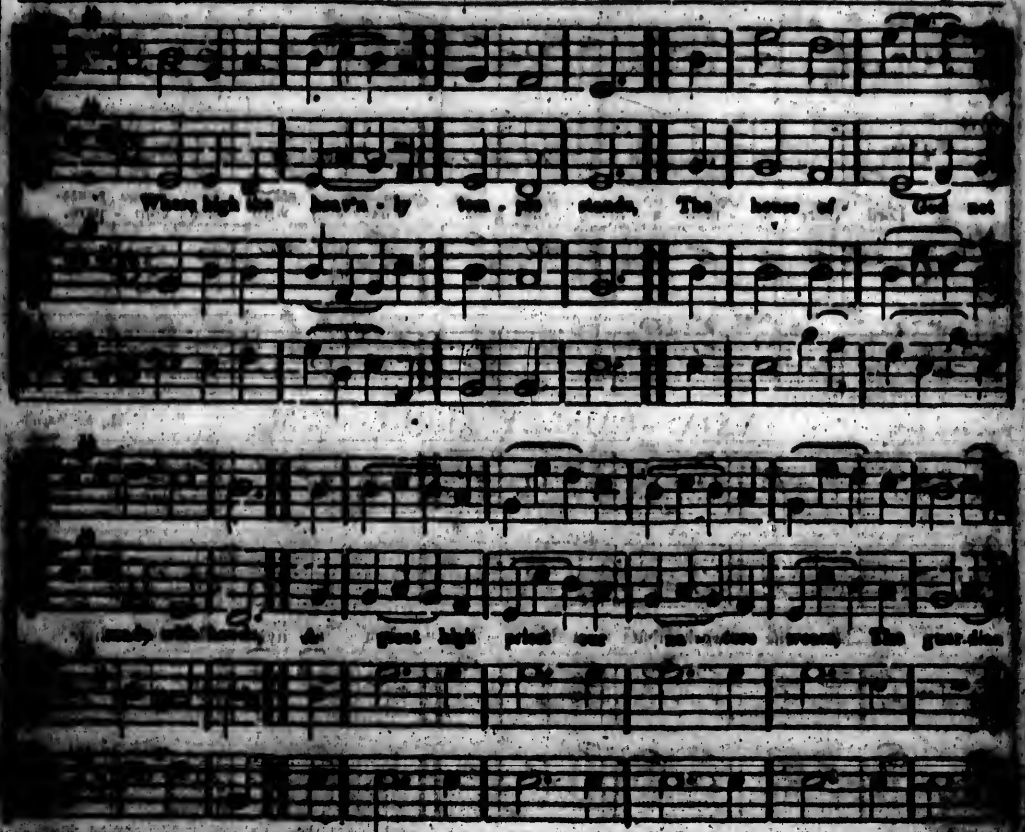
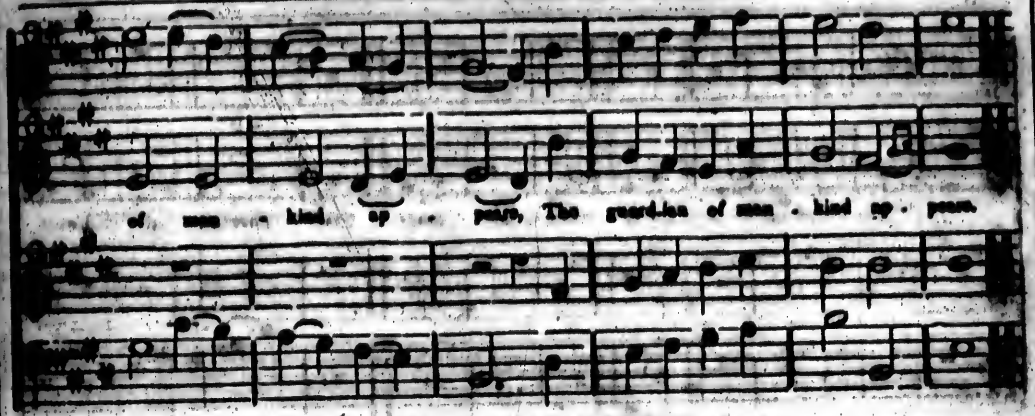



At - tend, ye tribes that dwell re - mote, Ye tribes of Israel give ear;
Throughout in heart a - lone have hope: The Isles in heart have fear.


Lord there is none a - mong the gods That may with thee com - pare.
And like the works that thou hast done, Not a - ny work is there.


Where high the heav'n - ly tem - ple stands, The house of God not
made with hands, A great high priest our nat'ures wears, The guar-dian



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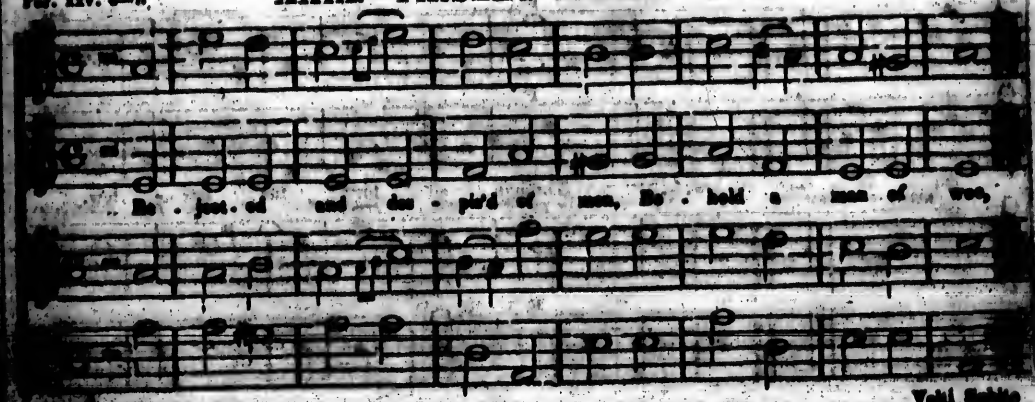

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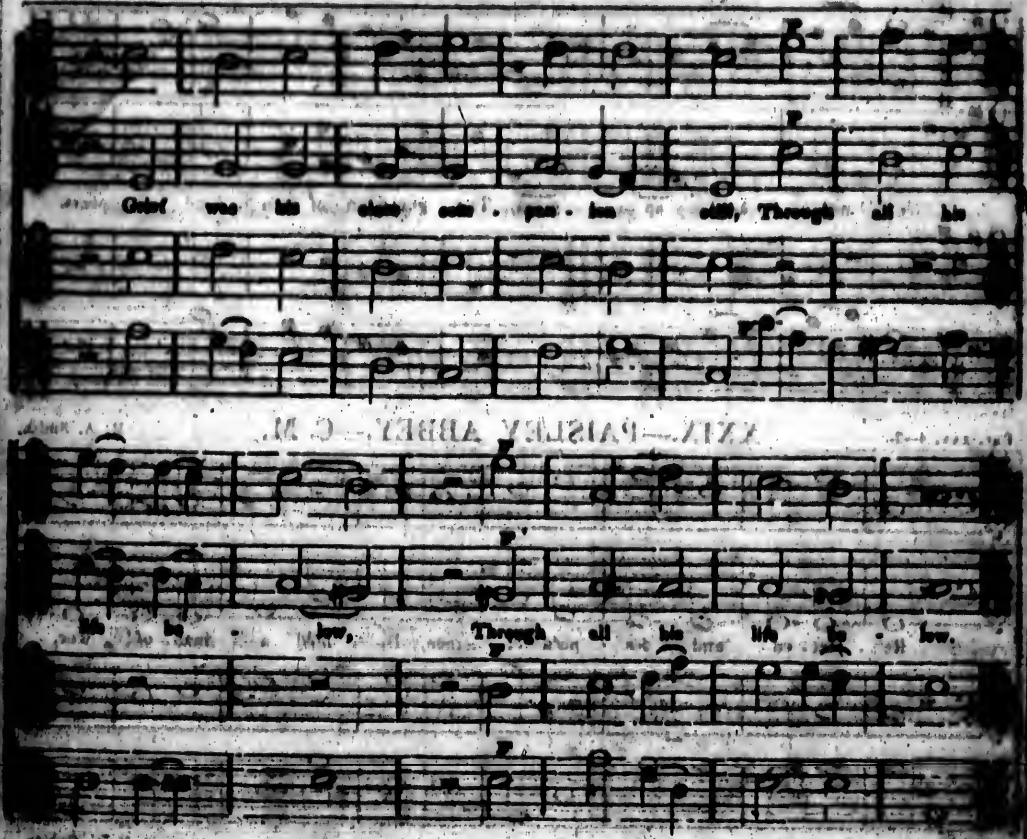
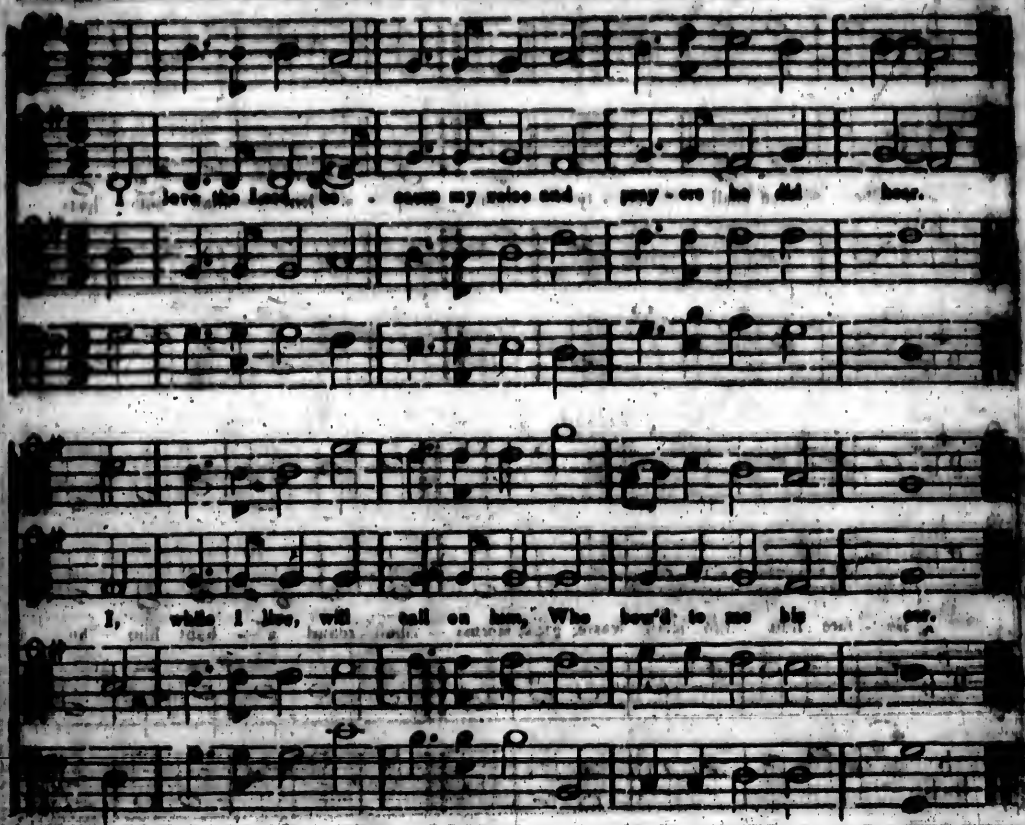

God was his stay, com - fort still, Through all his
his la - bour, Through all his life la - bour.


I love the Lord, he . . . . . hears my voice and . . . pray - ers he did . . . hear.
I, while I live, will . . . call on him, Who bow'd to me his . . . ear.

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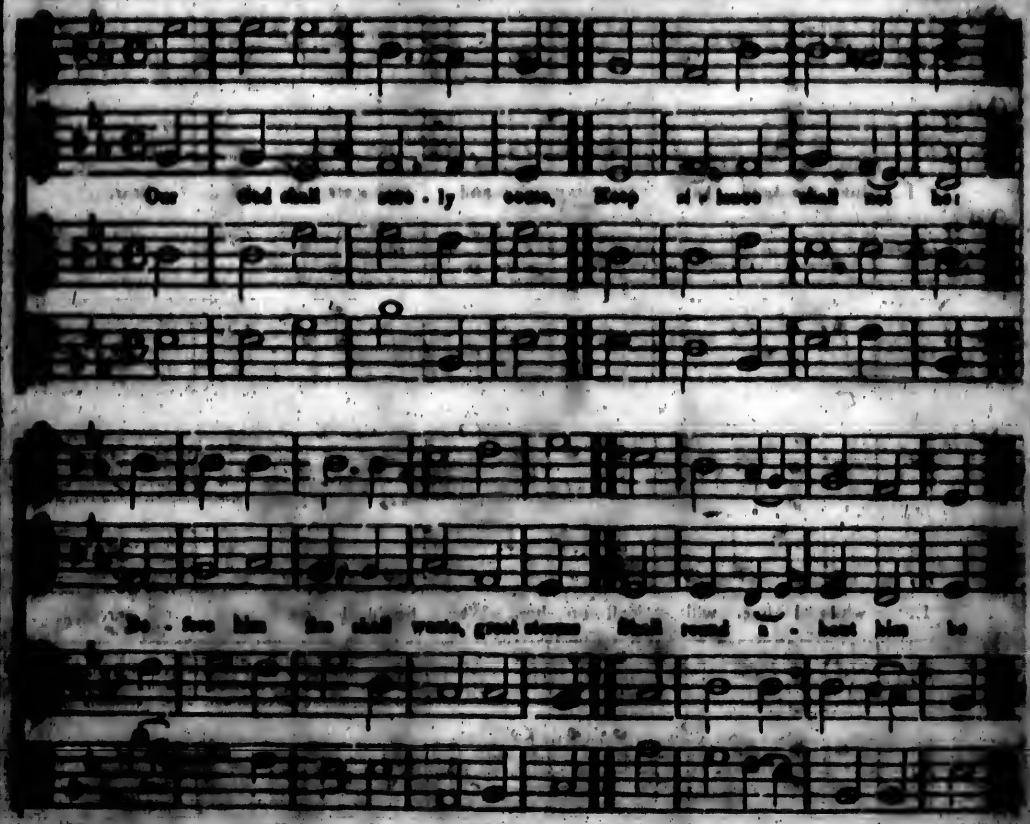
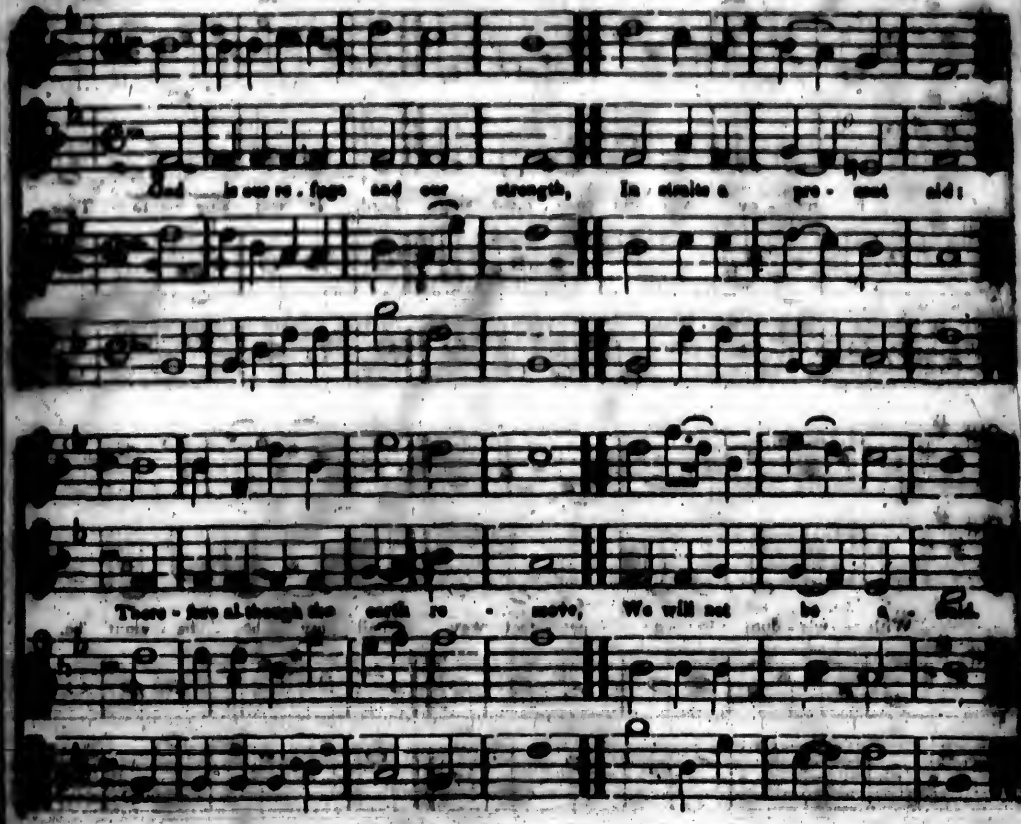
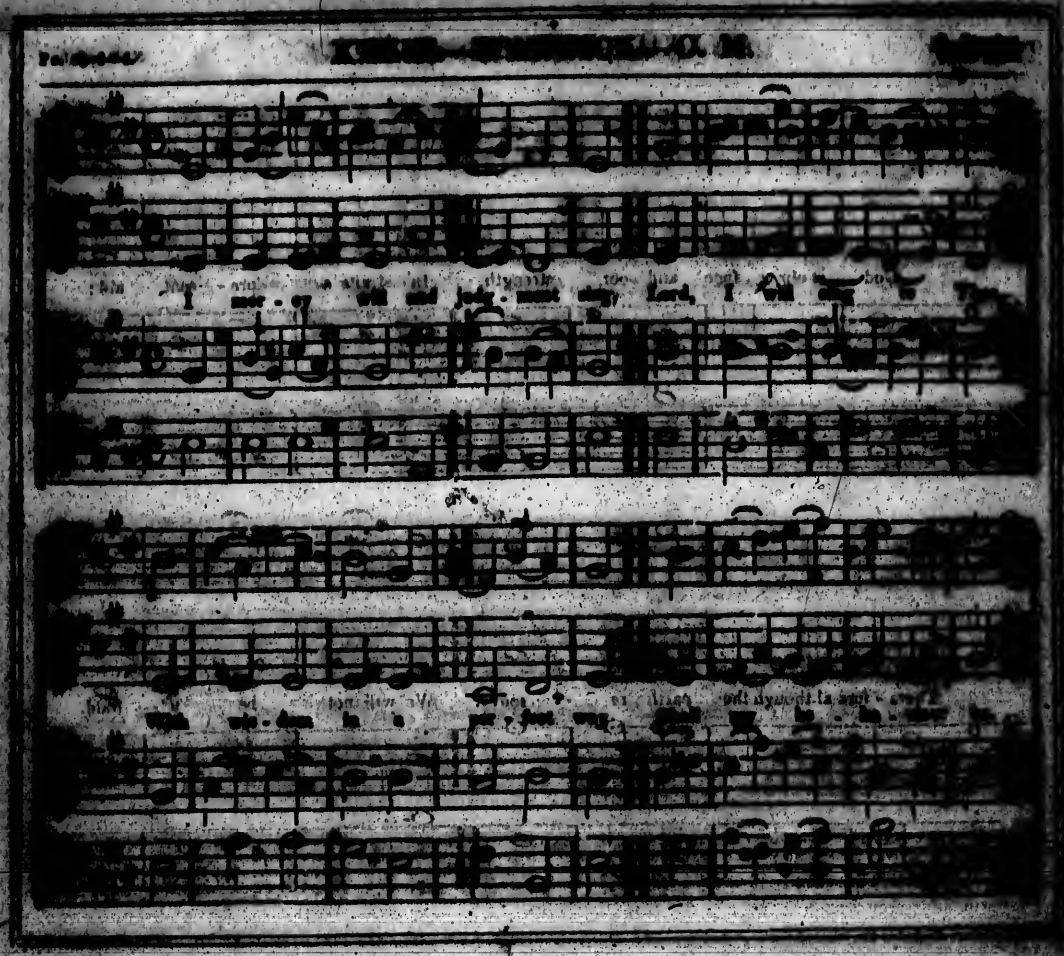
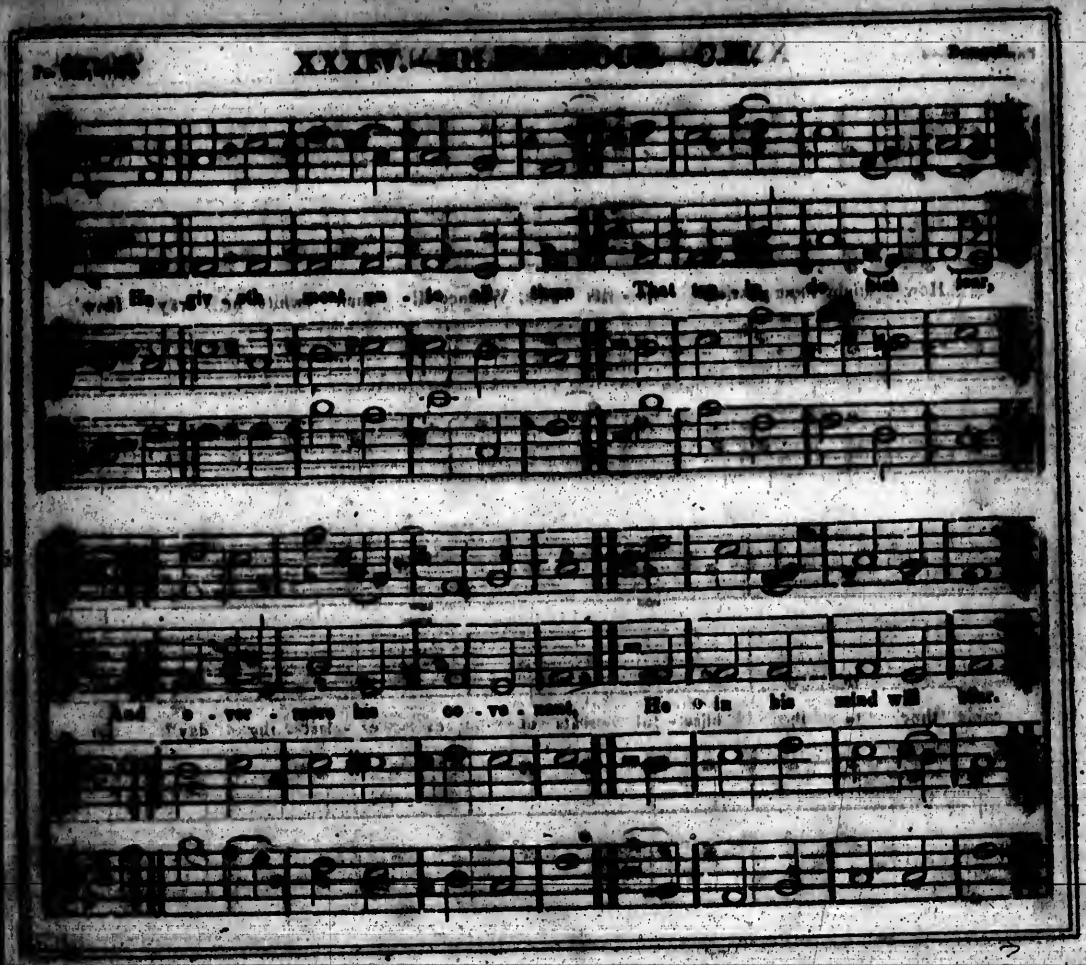
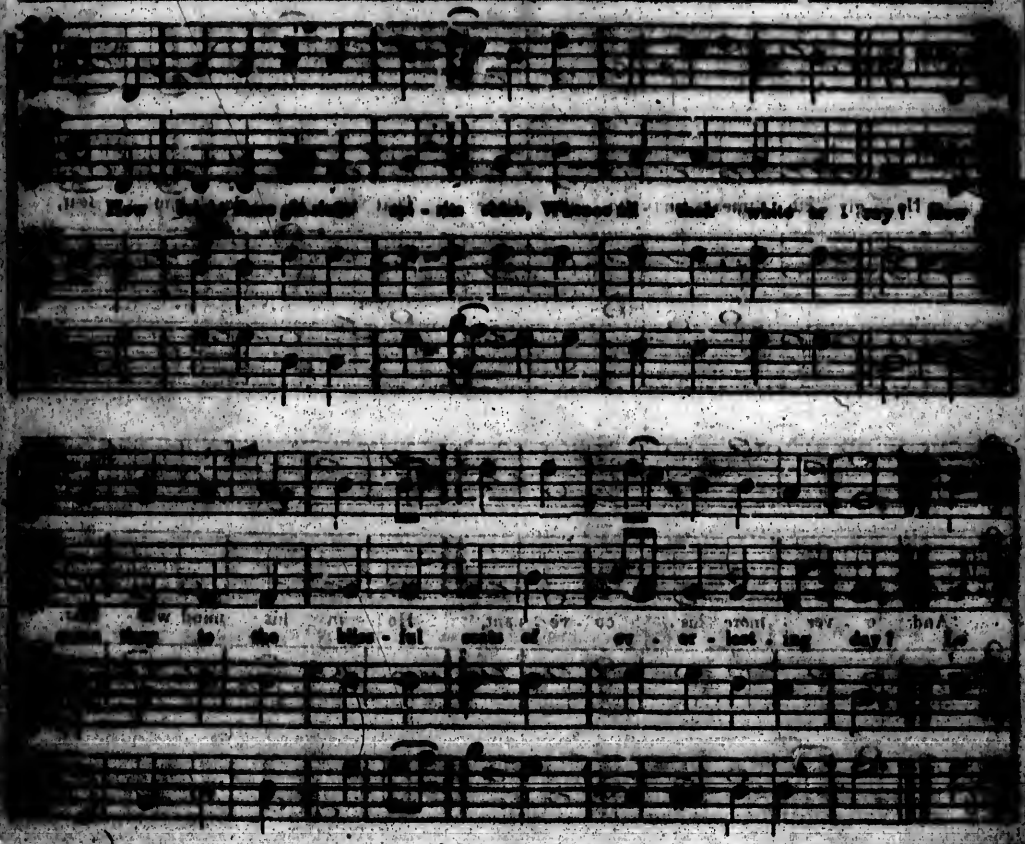



God is our re - fuge and our strength, In trouble a pre - sent aid:
There - fore al-though the earth re - move, We will not be a - fraid.

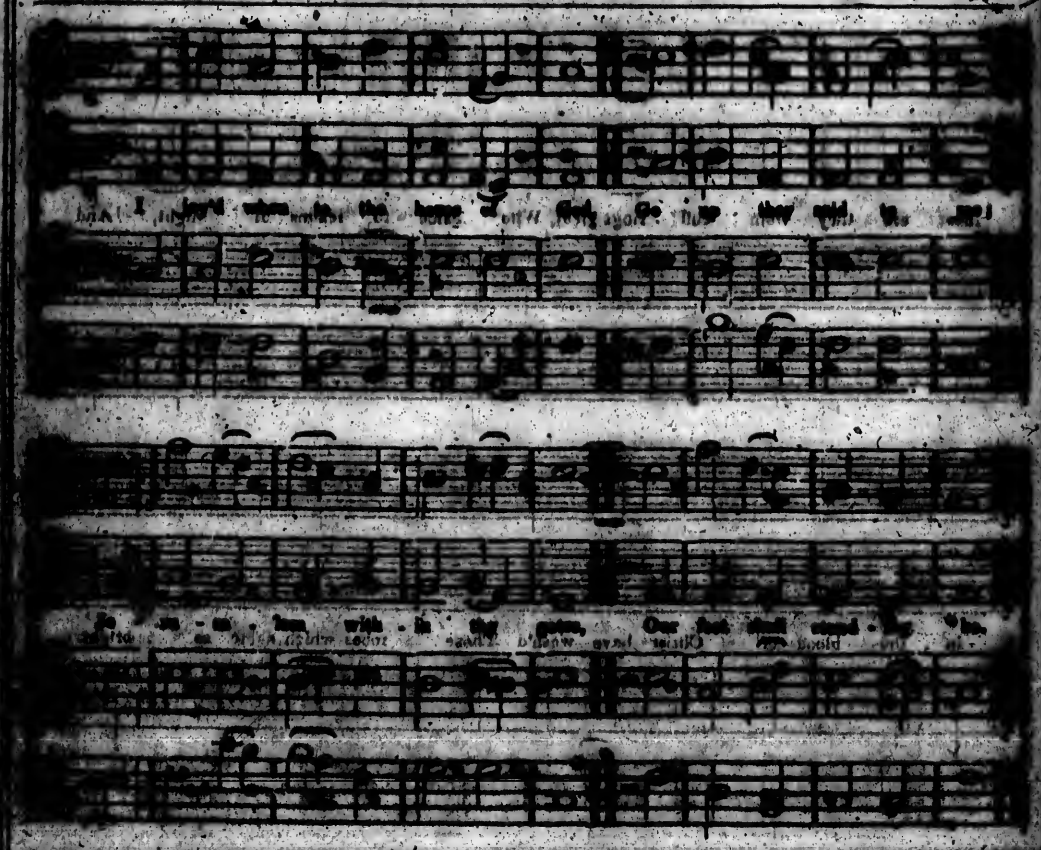


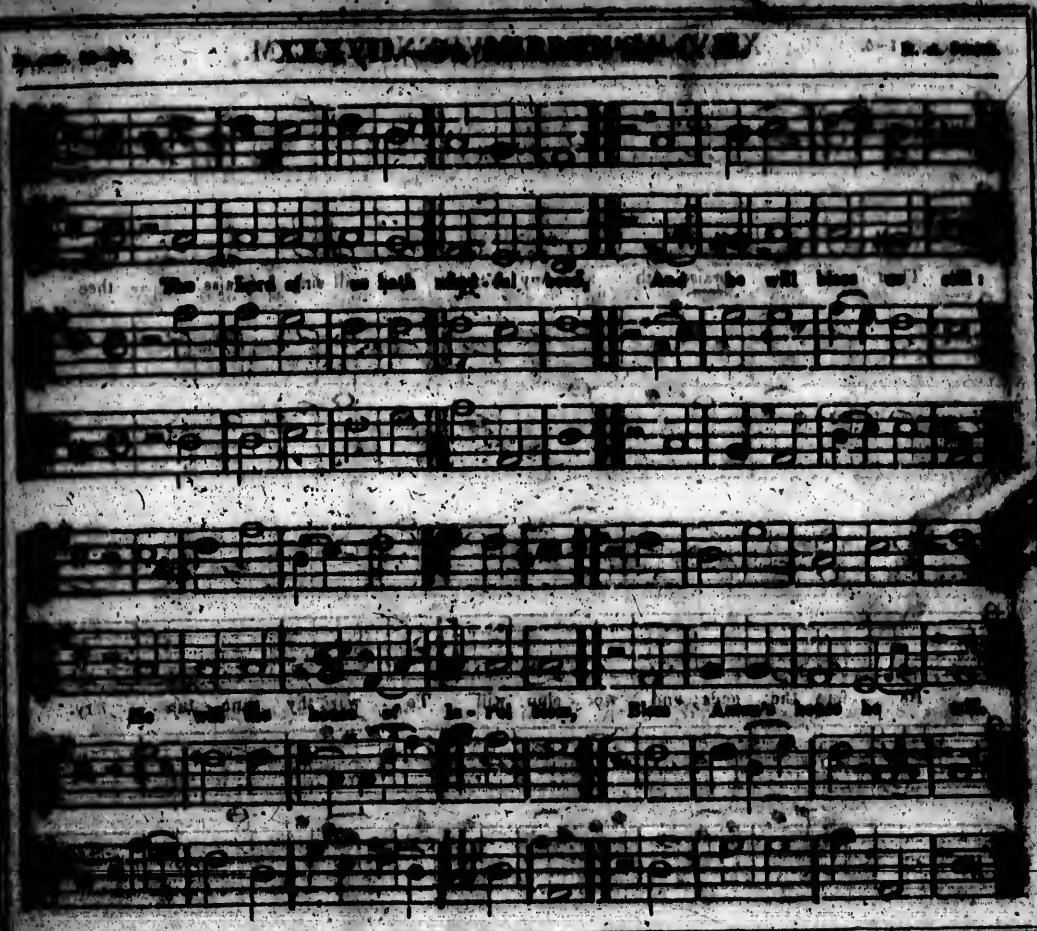

XXXV.
He giv . eth mon . ey all a . bout That is his mind full
And o . ver . pays his so . ro . wful, He in his mind will

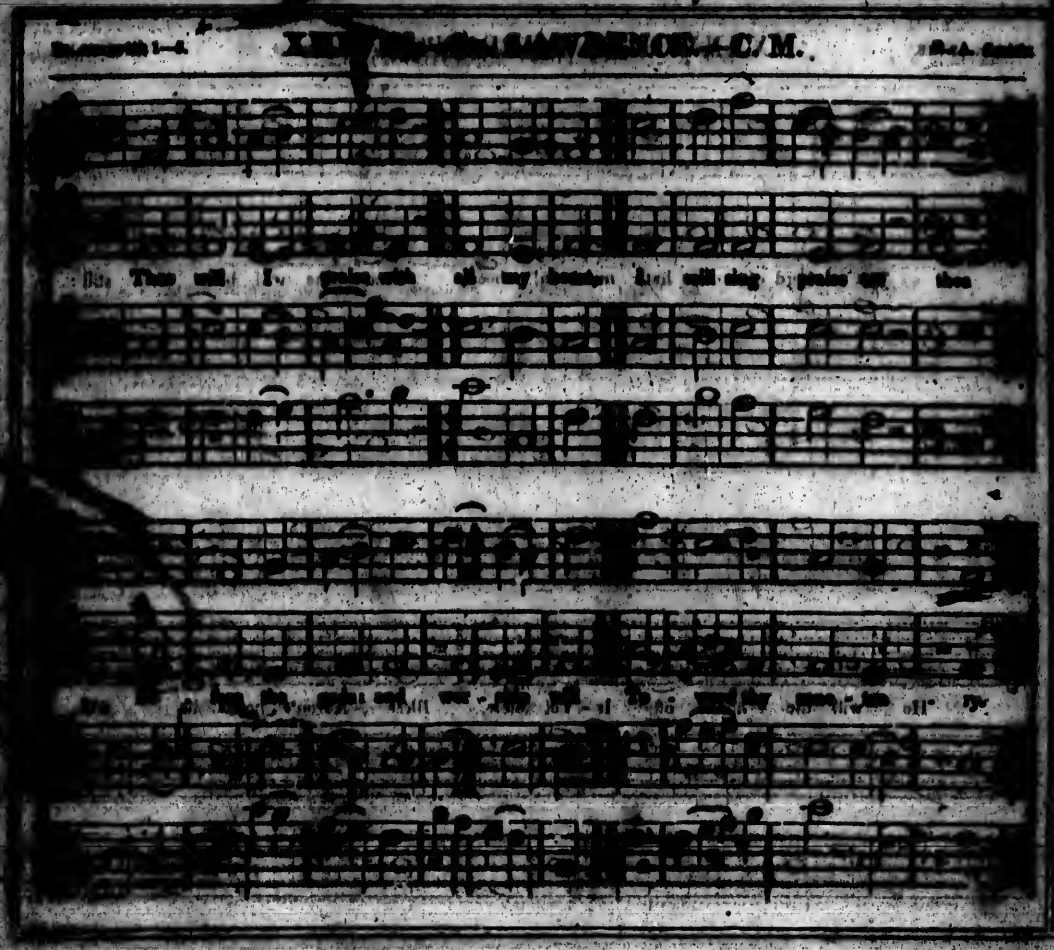


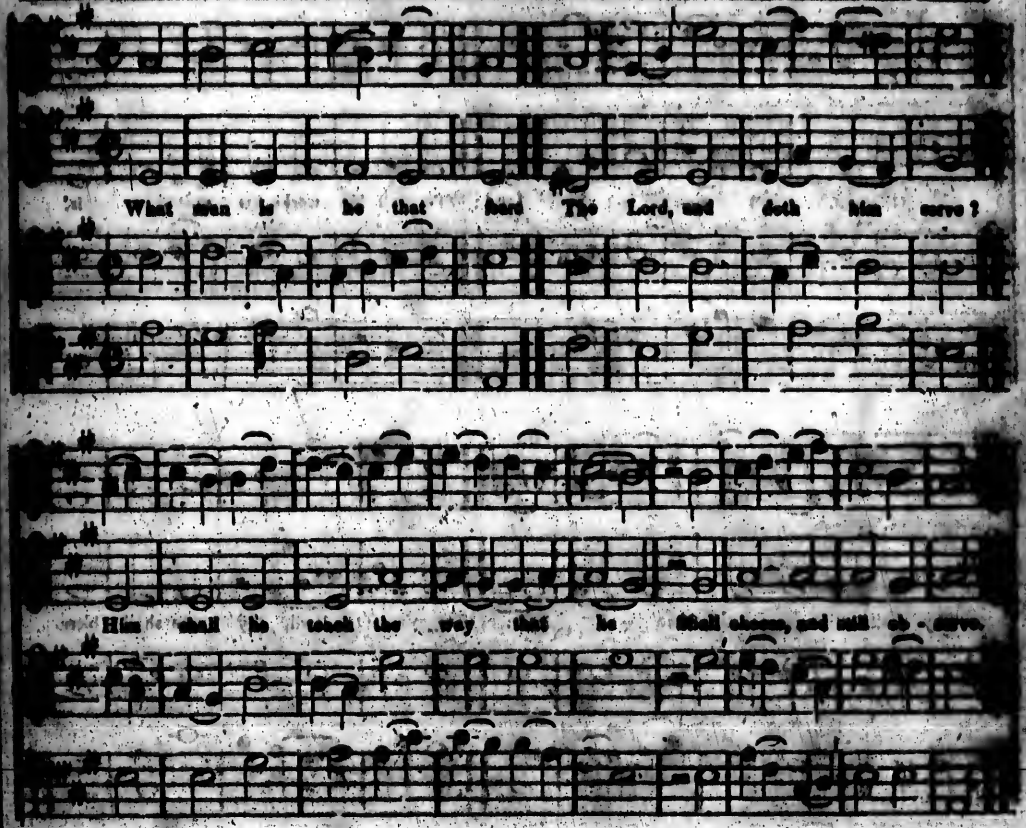
Then all they with out - rage pitch, Who seem'd in robes of light, And

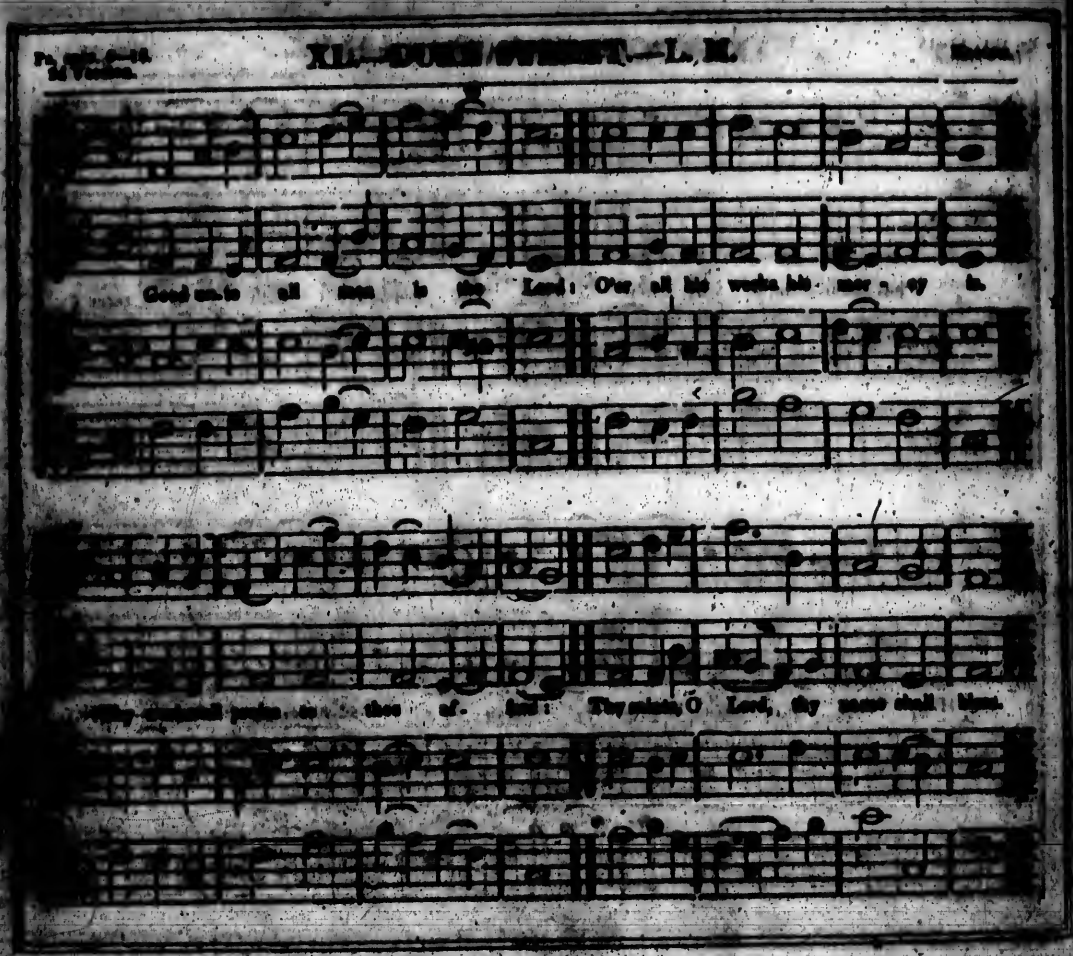
in the blood of Christ have wash'd These robes which shine so bright.


I will arise and go to my father
Go in - to him with - in thy gates, Our feet shall stand






What man is he that fears The Lord, and doth him serve?
Him shall he teach the way that he shall choose, and still ob - serve.



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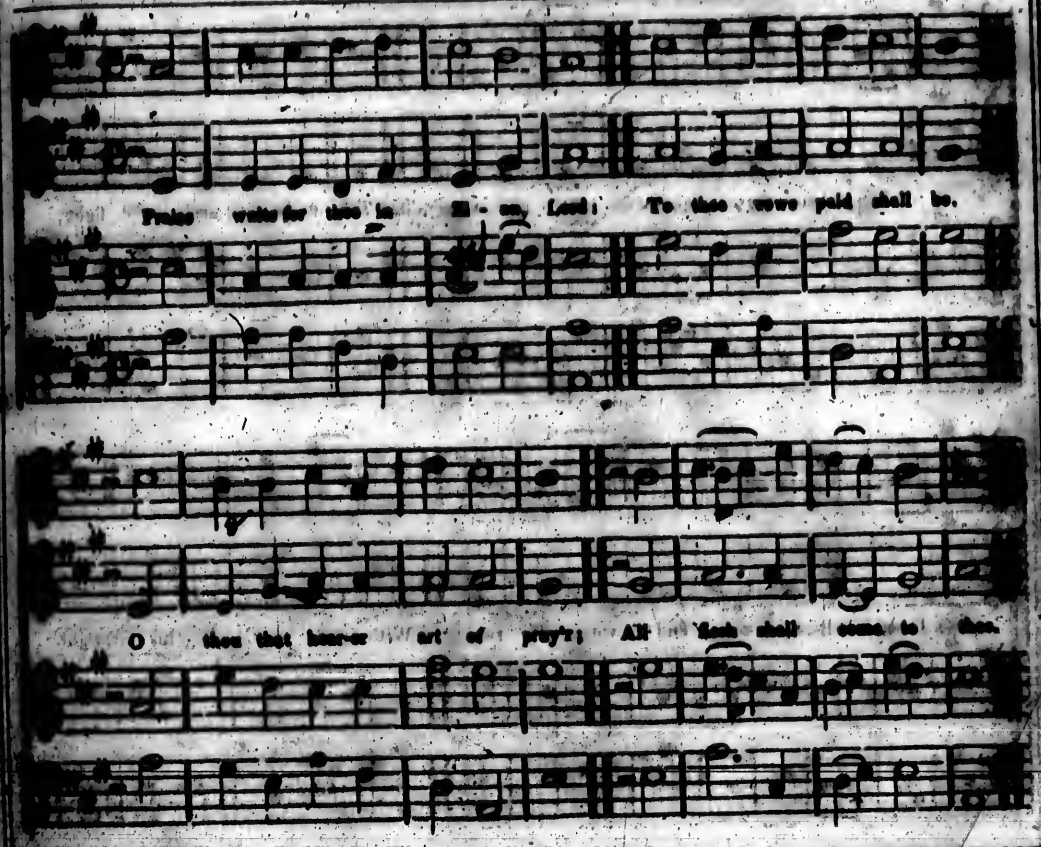

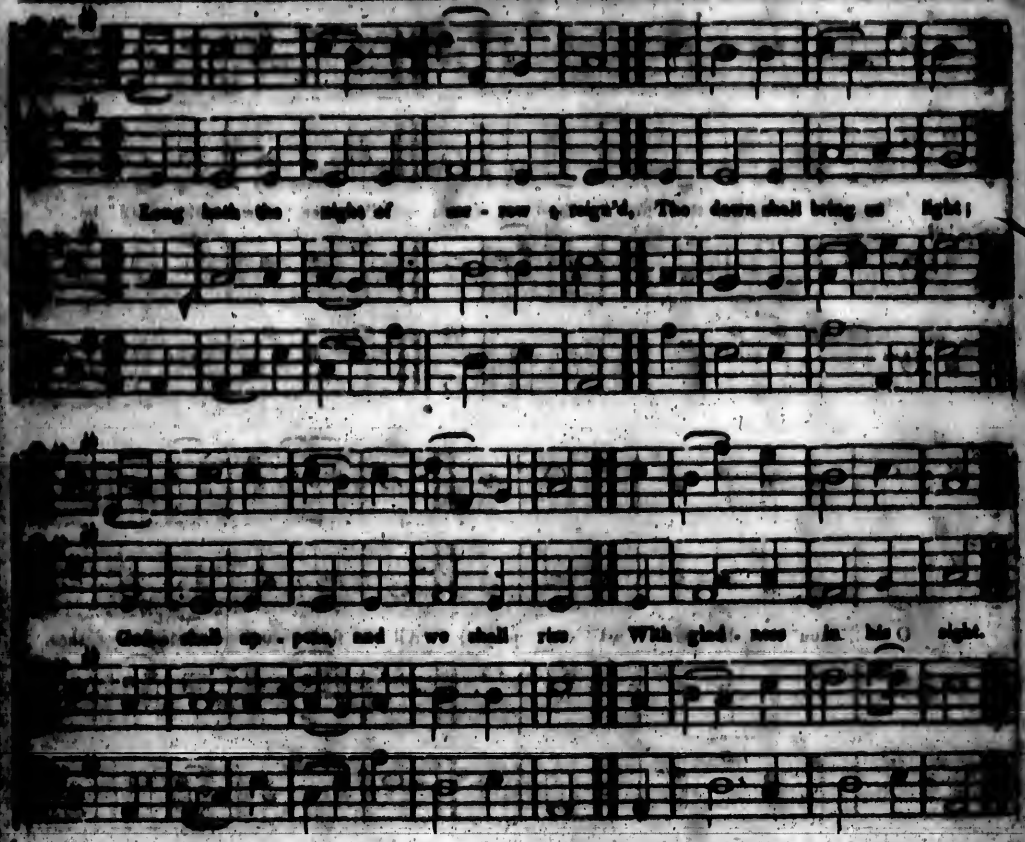
Long hath the night of sor - row reign'd, The dawn shall bring us light;
God shall ap - pear, and we shall rise With glad - ness in his sight.

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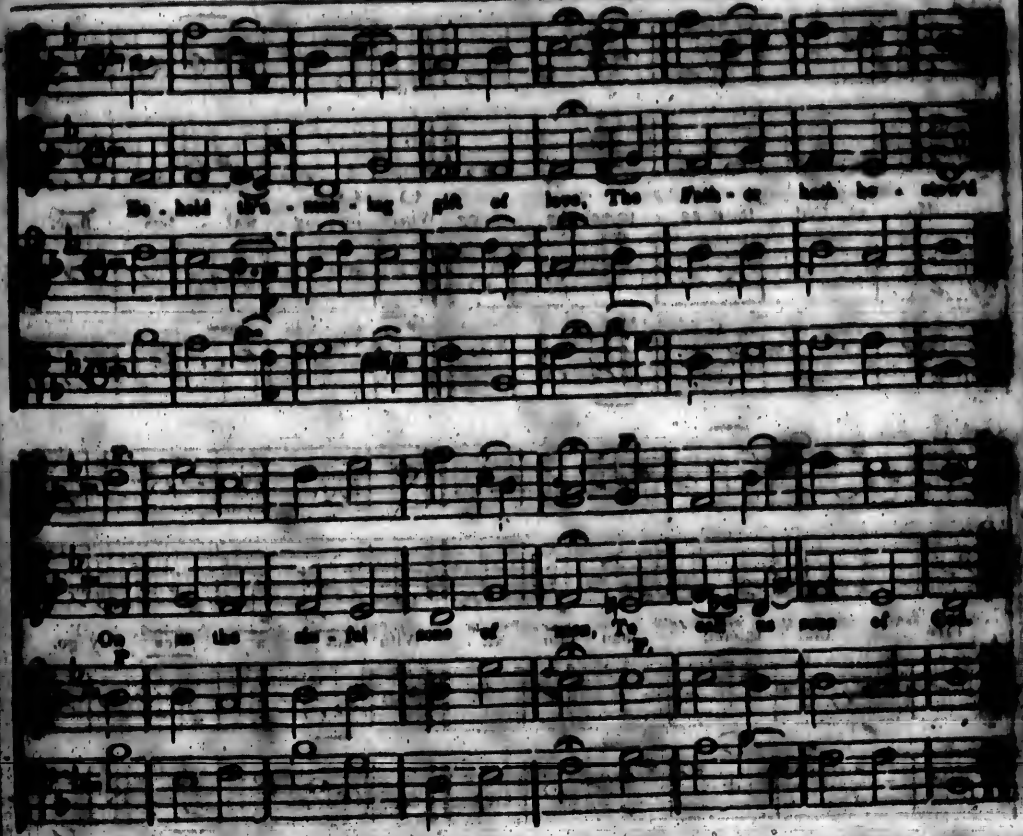
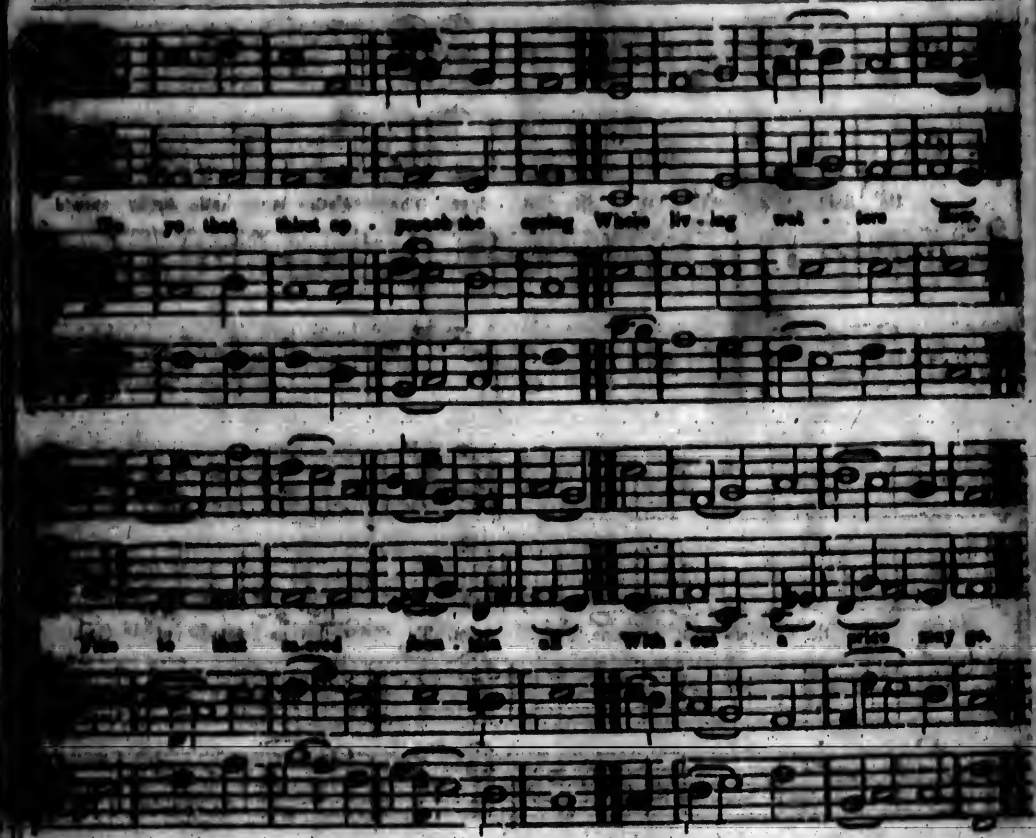
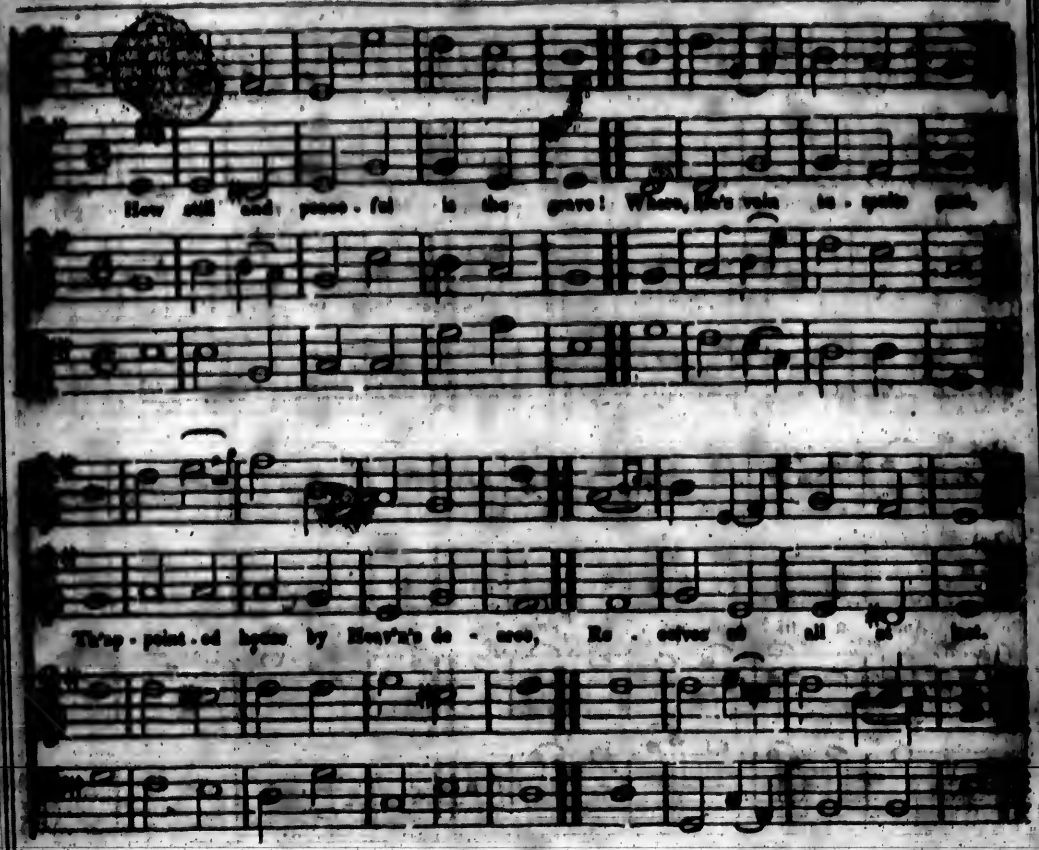
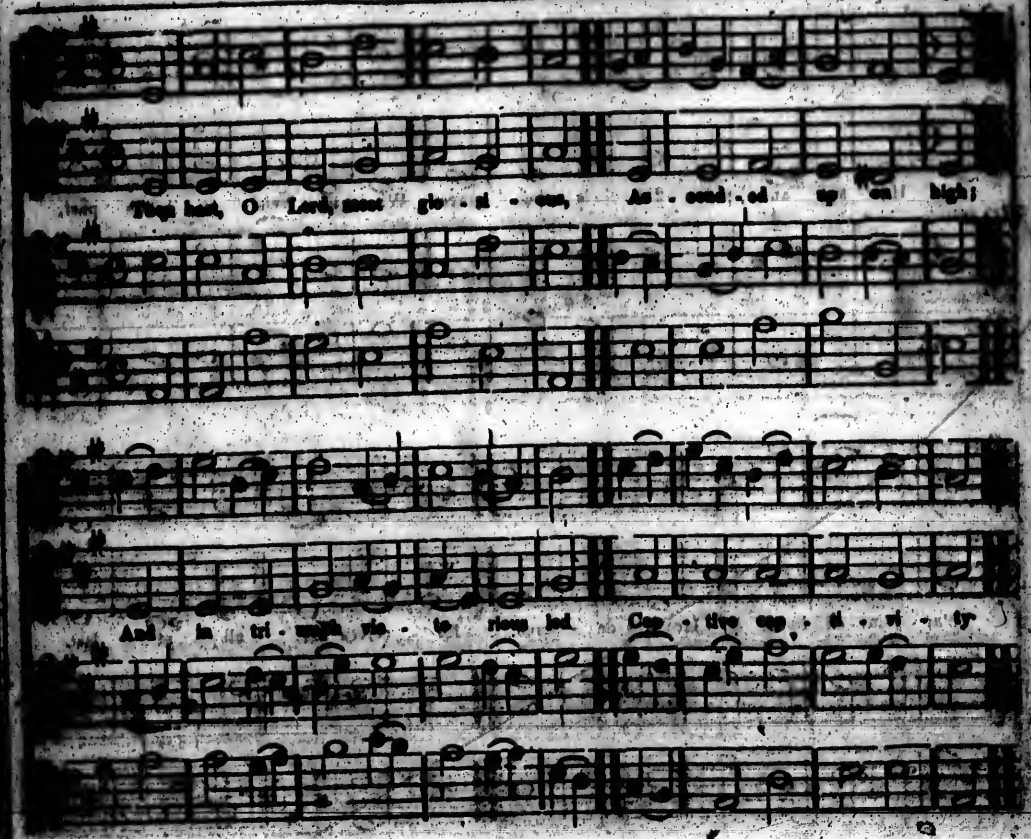
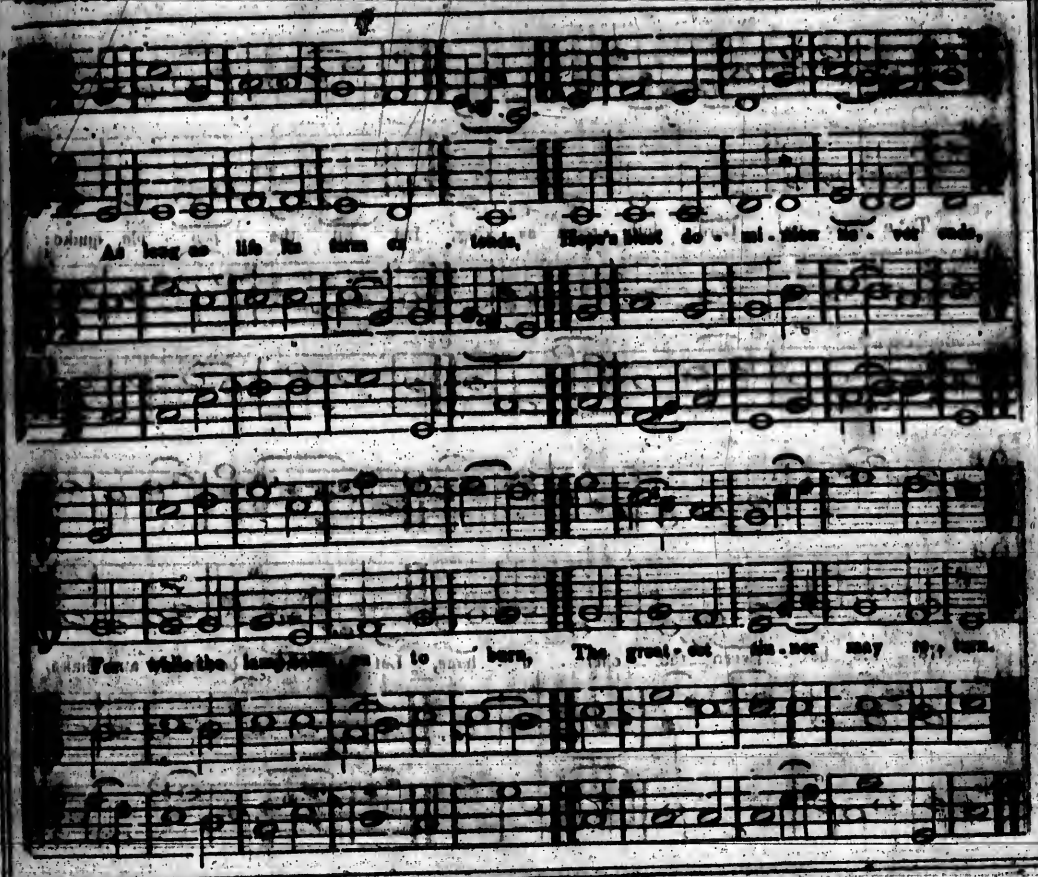


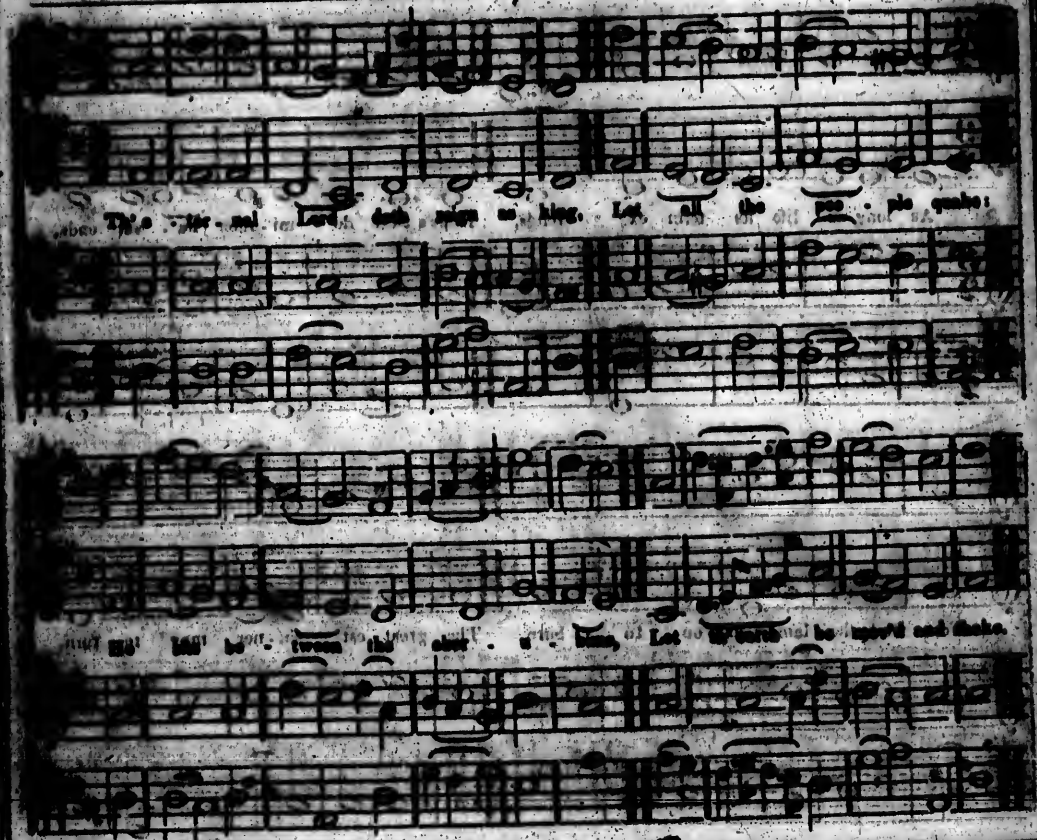

Go ye that think up . pon the spring Where liv . ing wa . ters flow,
This is the fountain Jesus op . ens for sin and ev . ery


How still and peace-ful is the grave! Where, life's vain bu-sy pain
Tri-umph-ant hymns by Heav'n's de-cree, Re-ceive all all as just.

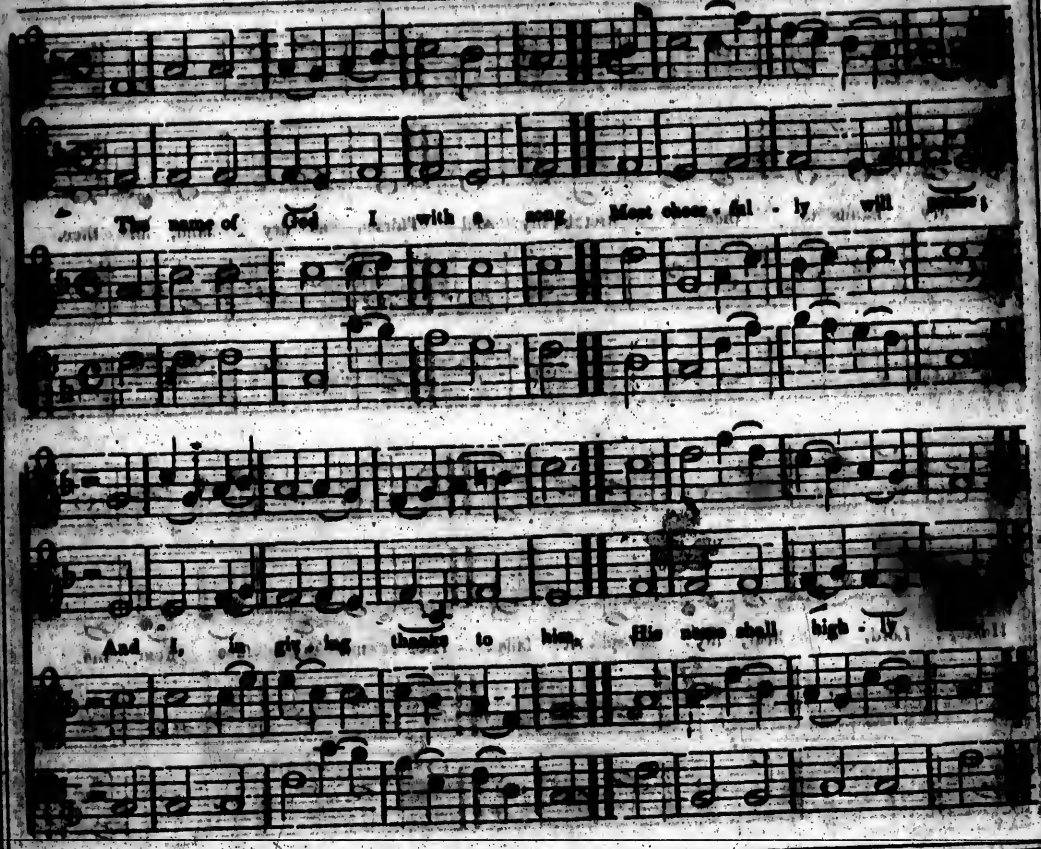
XLVI.—SHEFFIELD.—C. M.




As long as life its term di - vide, Hope's blest do - mi - nion ne - ver ends,
For while the lamb has to - bore, The great - est sin - ner may re - turn.


The e - ter - nal Lord doth reign as king, Let all the peo - ple quake;
He sits be - tween the cher - u - bim, Let earth be spread and shake.

XLIX.—St. LUKE'S—C. M.



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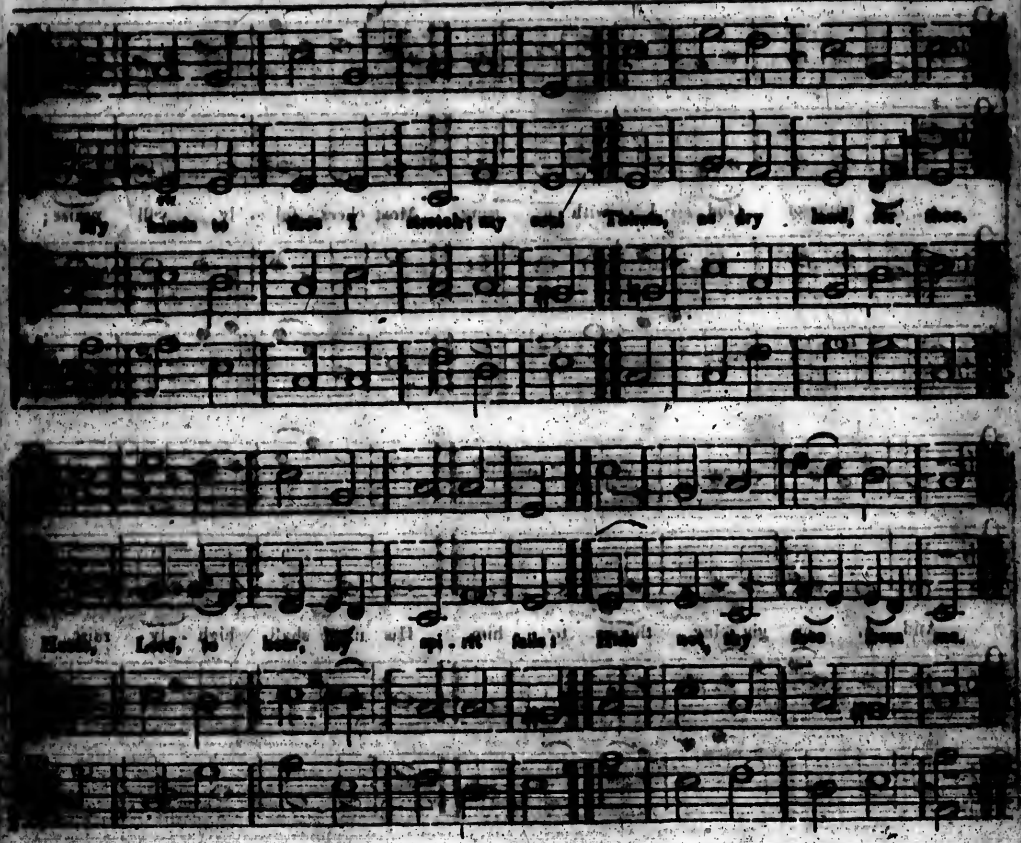
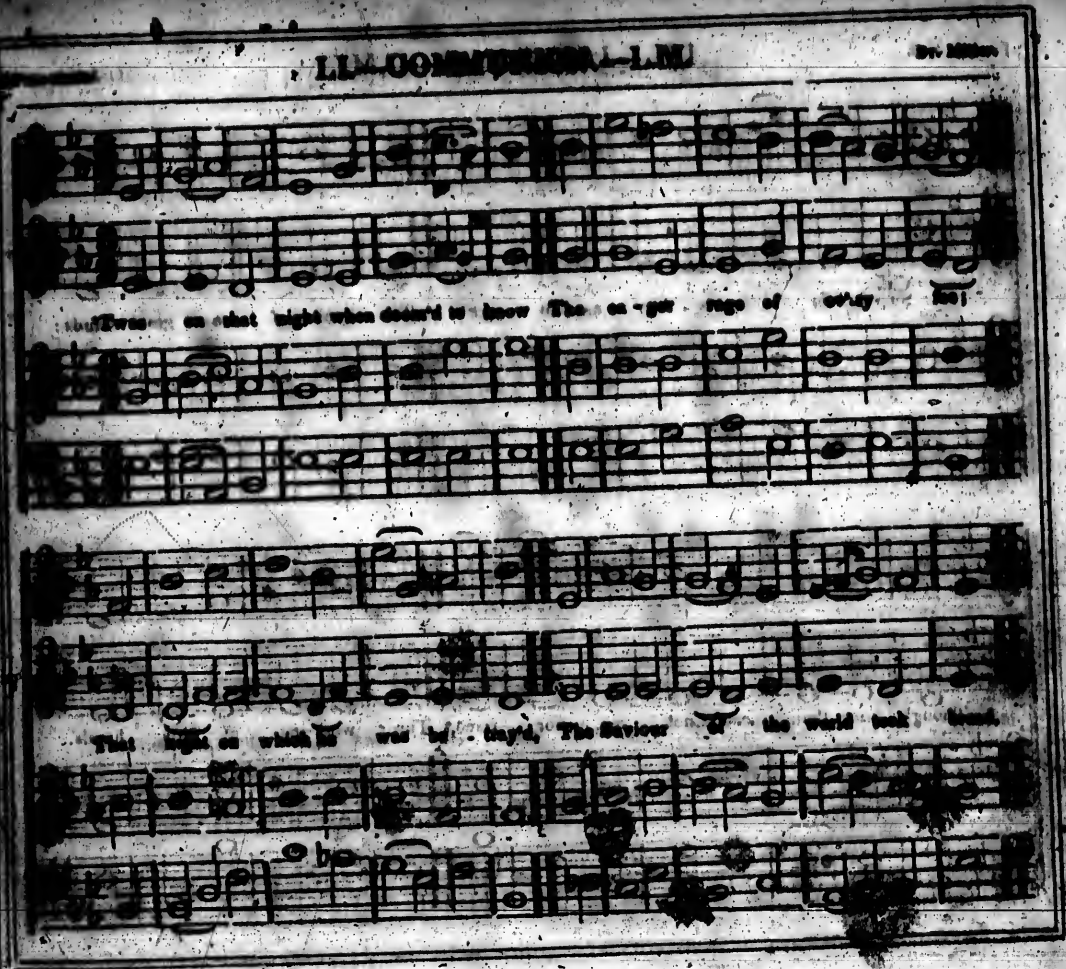
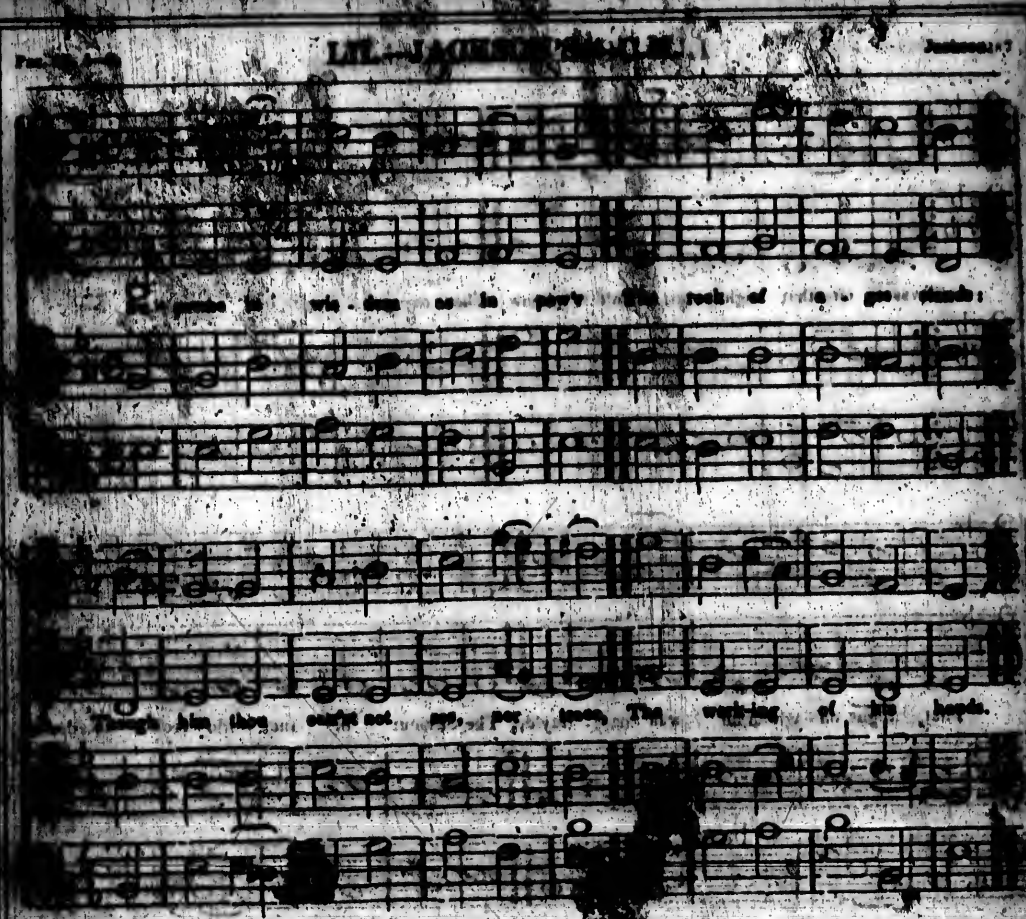



LL.—CONCLUSION.—L.M.
Dr. Miller.
Twas on that night when doubt'ful it know The an-gel reign of ev'ry foe;
That night on which he was be . tray'd, The Saviour of the world took hand.



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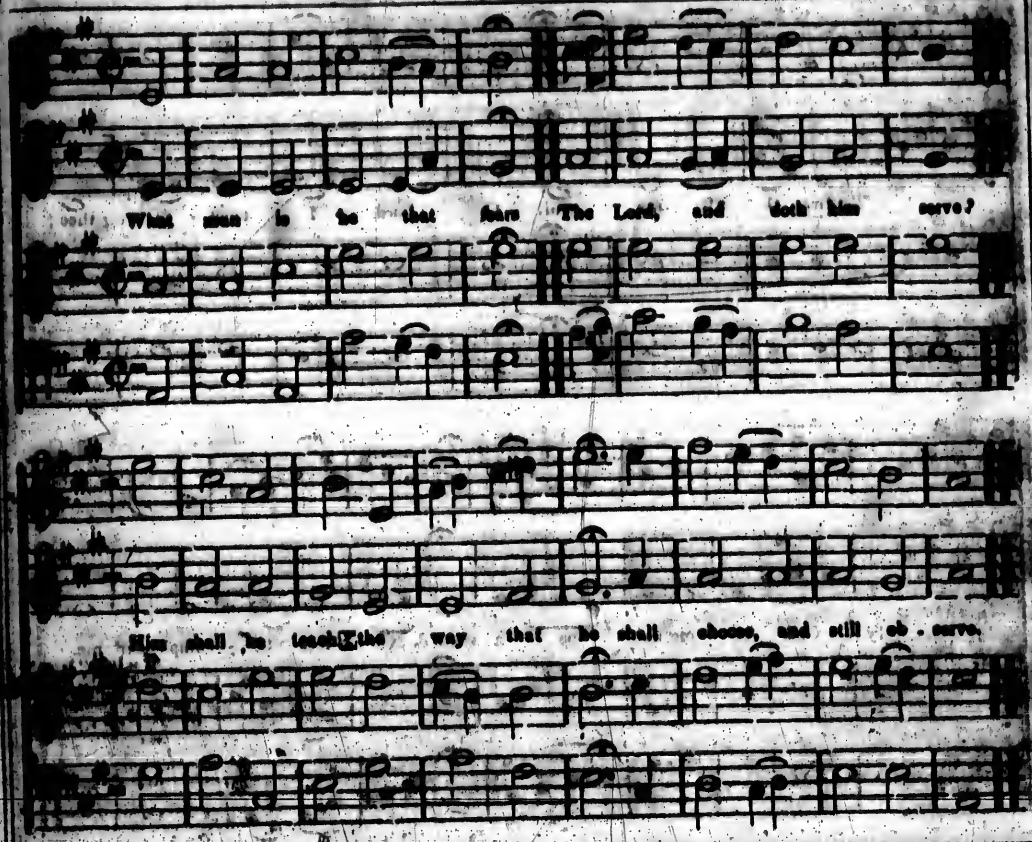

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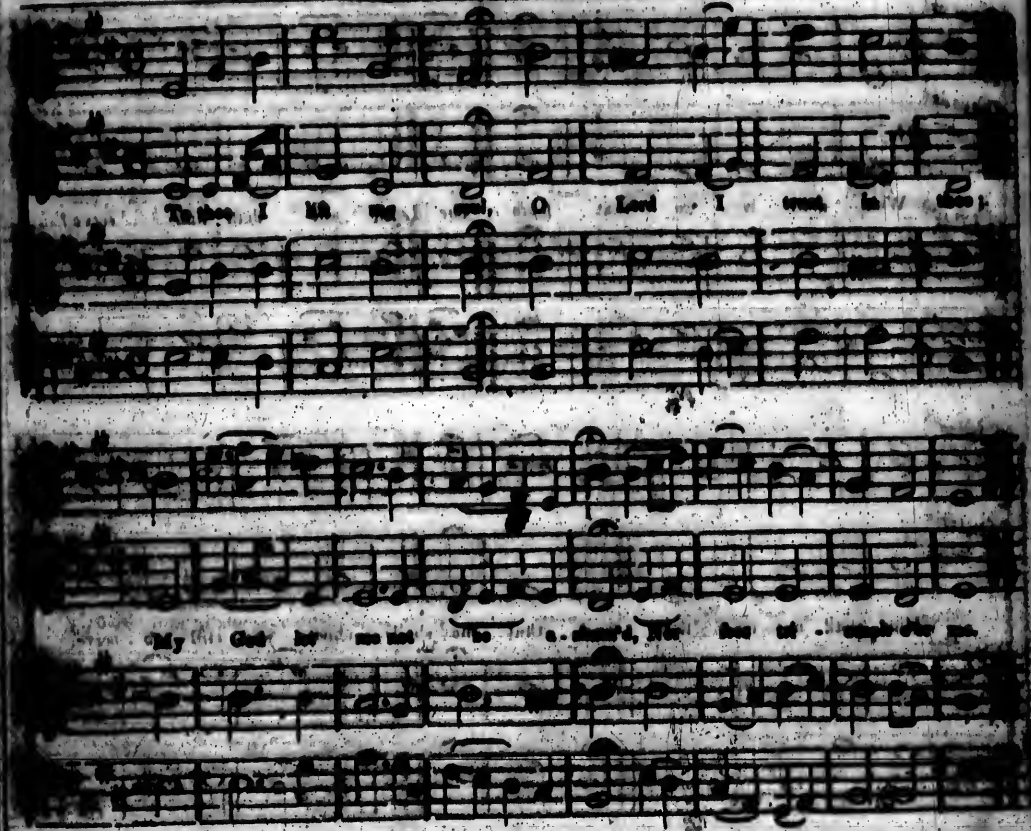
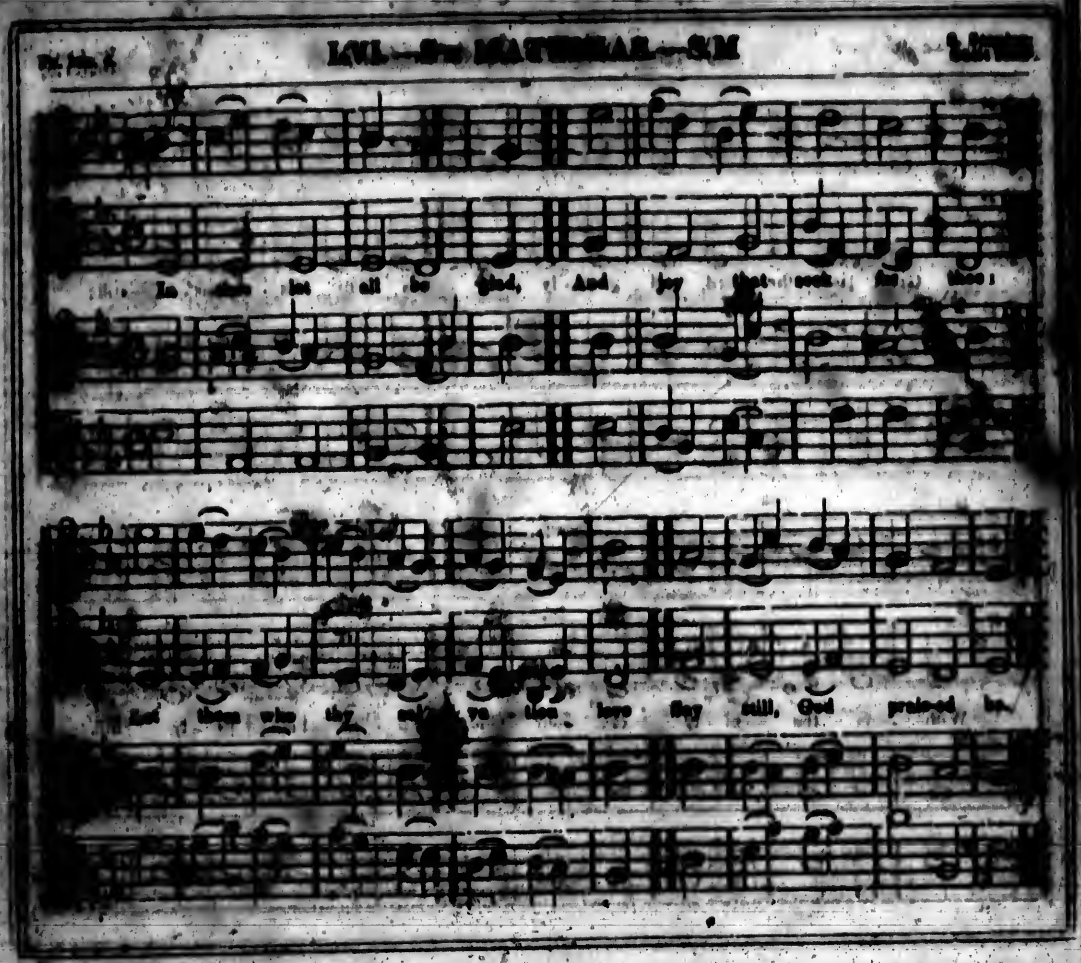
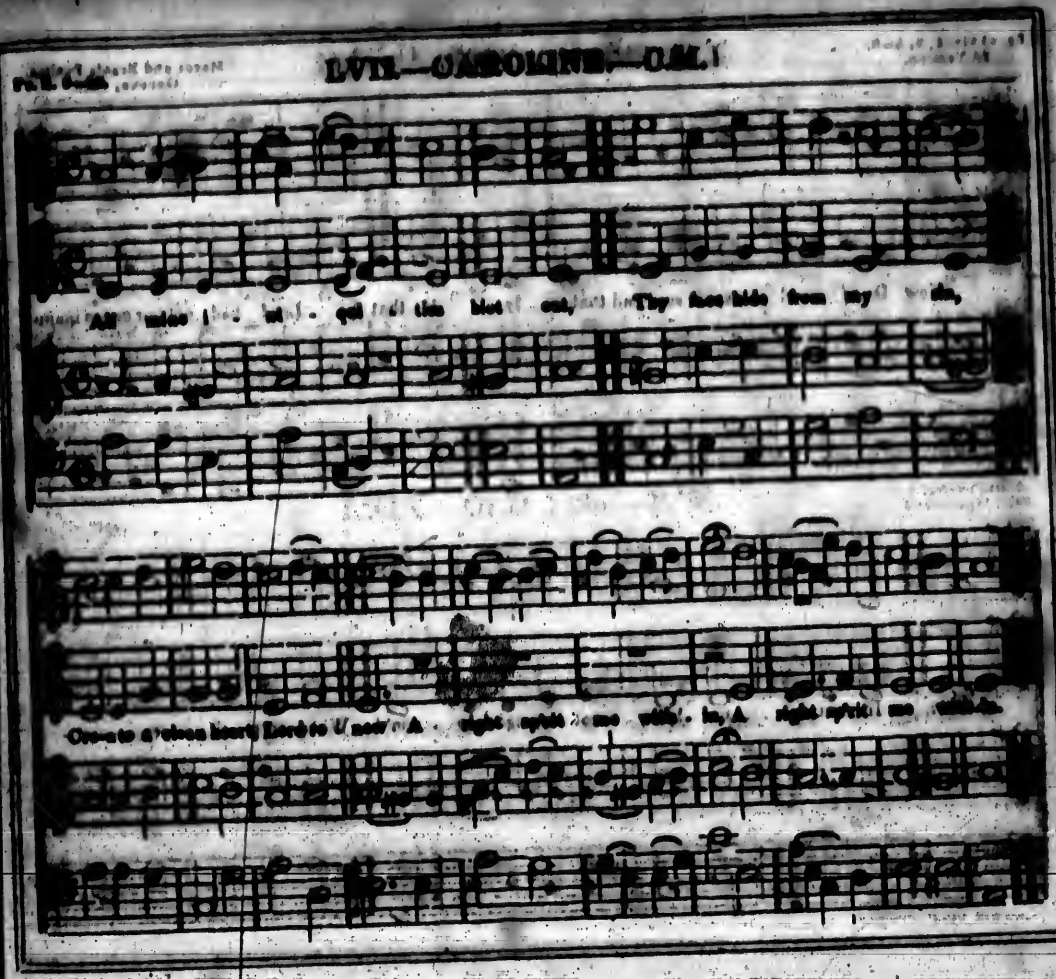


Great is the Lord, and great-ly he is to be praised still;
With-in the ci-ty of our God, Up-on his ho-ly hill.

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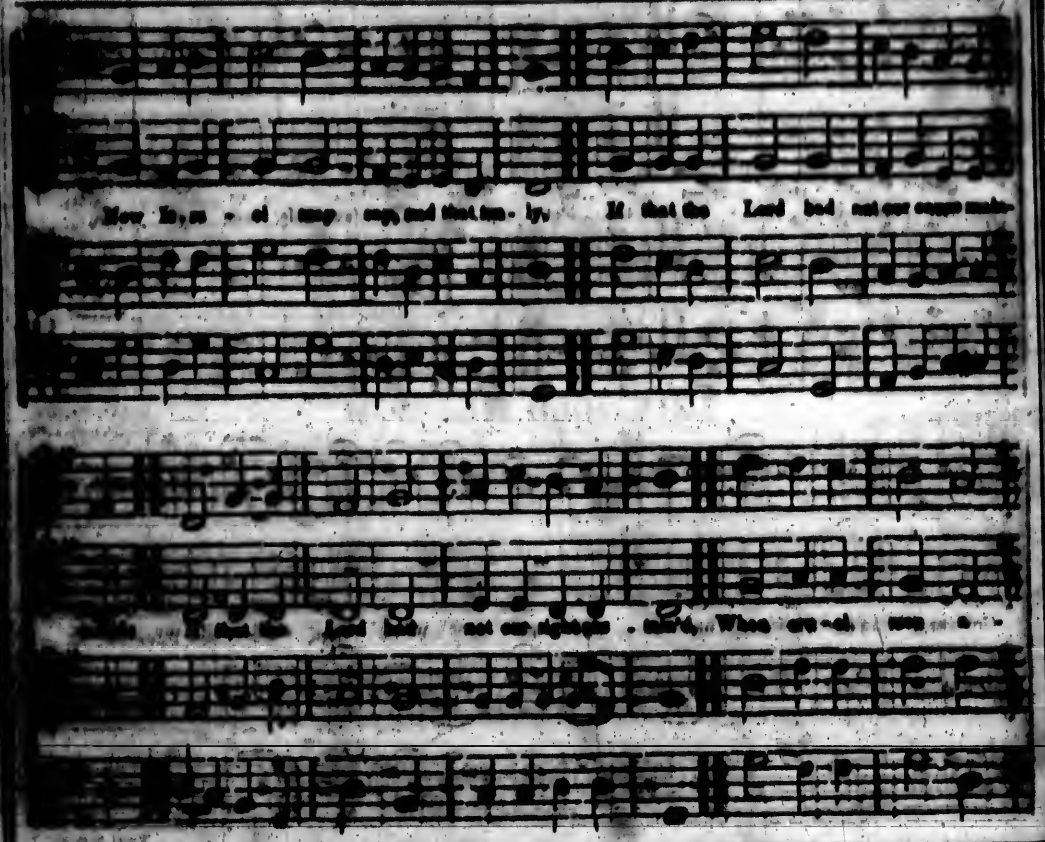
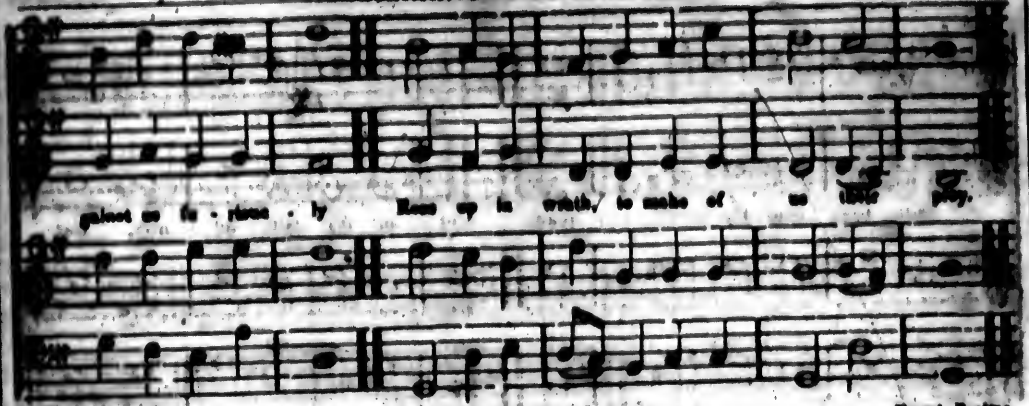

Now Is - ra - el may say, and that tru - ly, If that the Lord had not our cause main-
If that the Lord had not our righteous - ness, Whan en - e - mies



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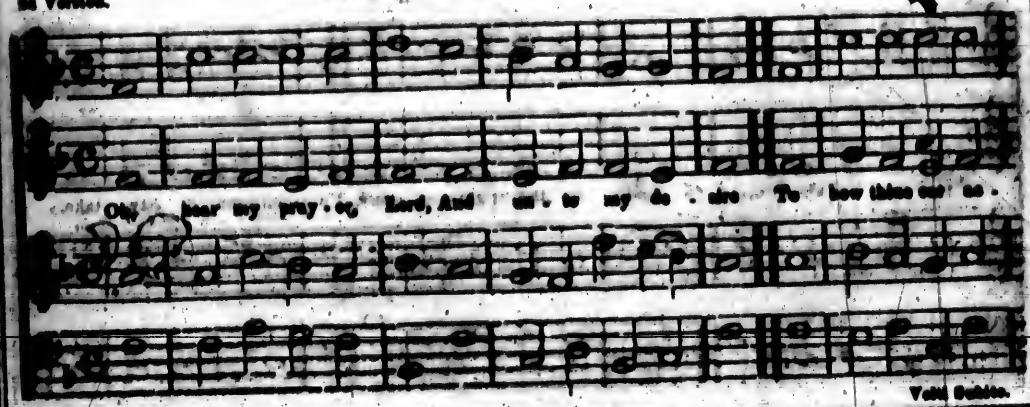

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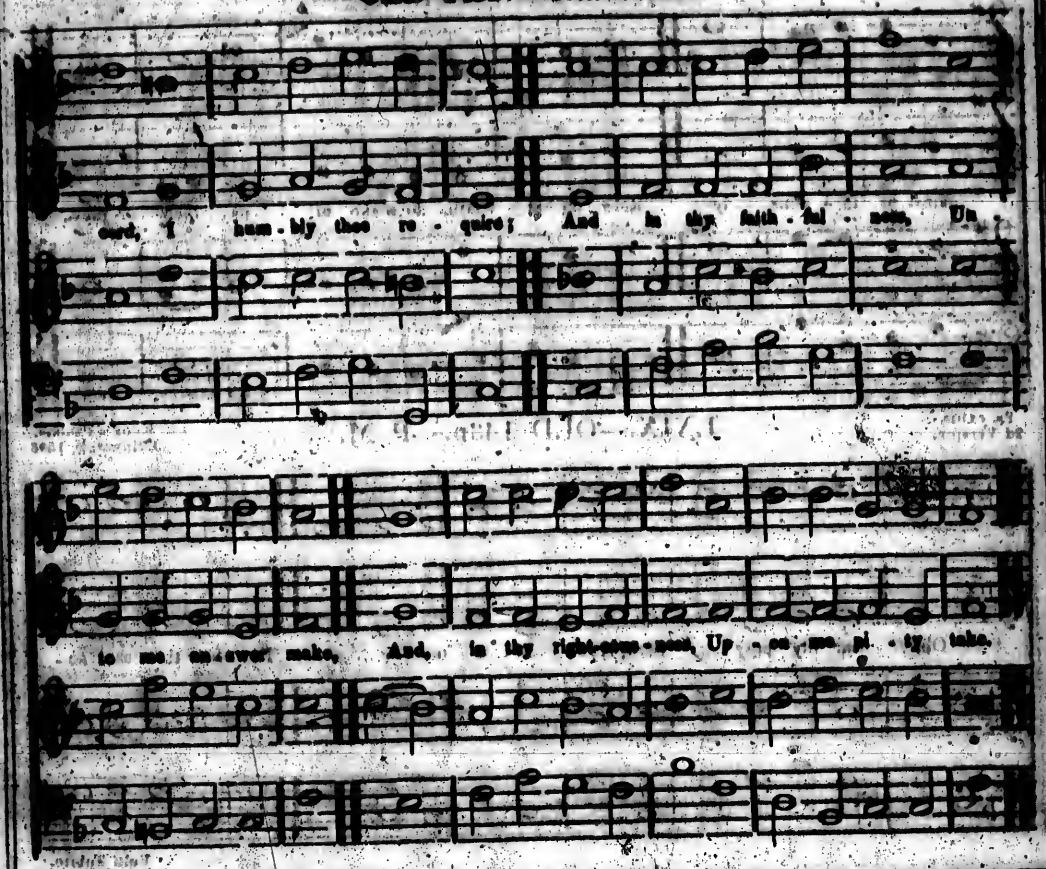
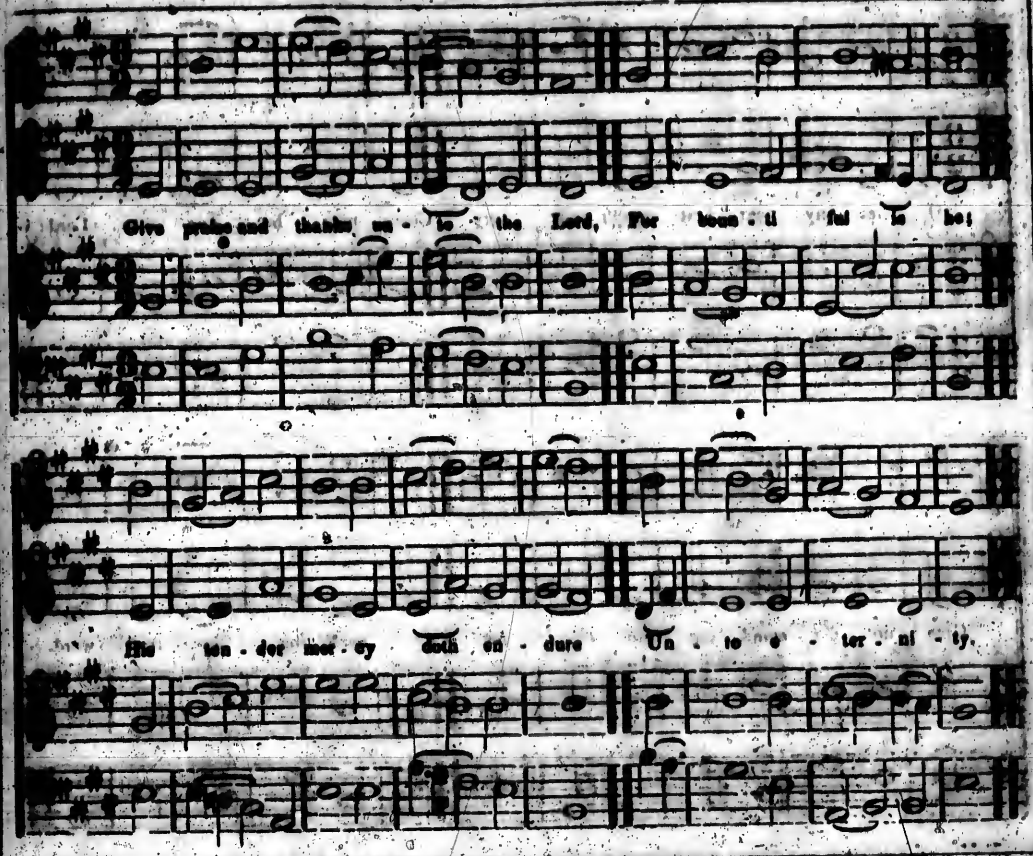

cord, I hum - bly thee re - quire; And in thy faith - ful - ness, Un -
to me an - swer make, And, in thy right-eous-ness, Up - on me pi - ty take.

LX.—St. STEPHEN'S.—C. M.



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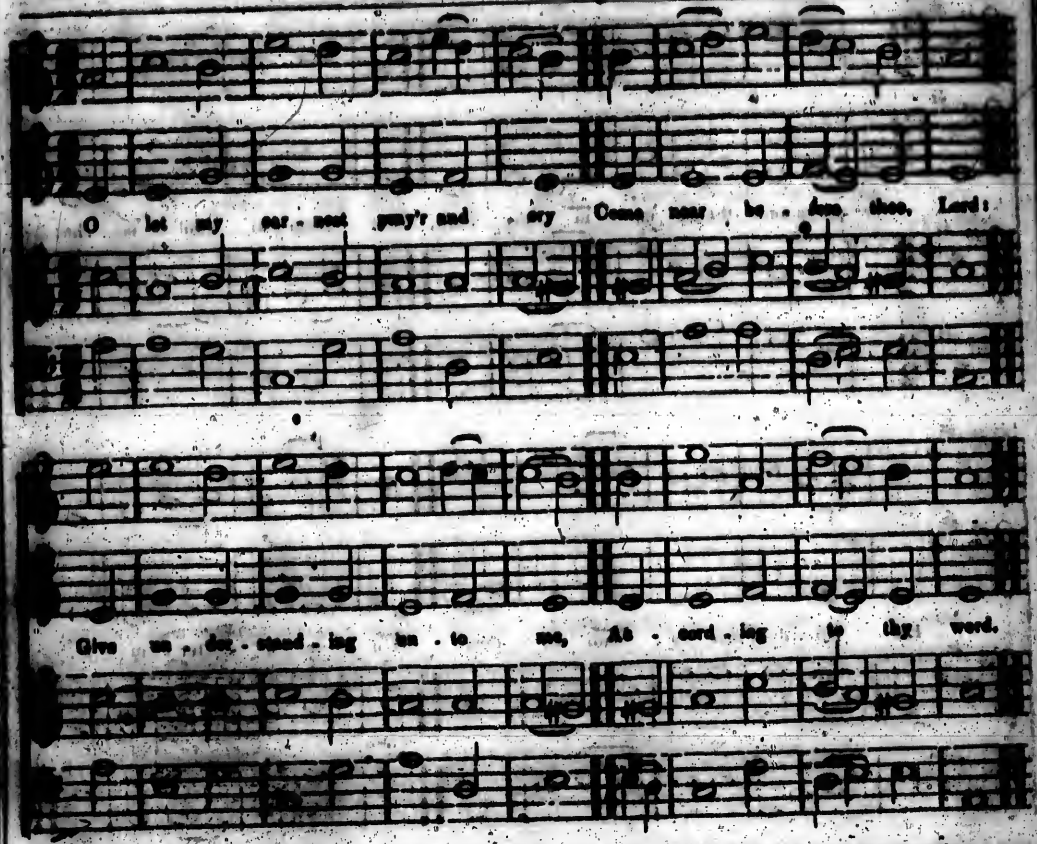

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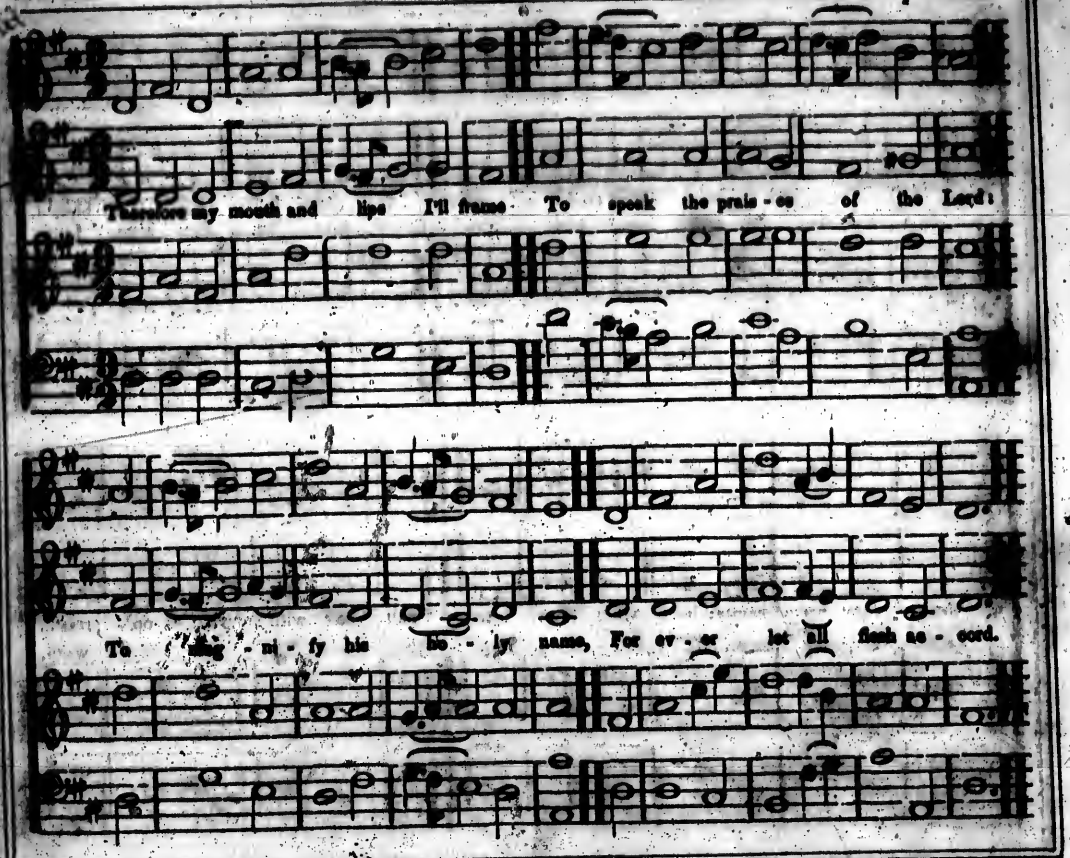

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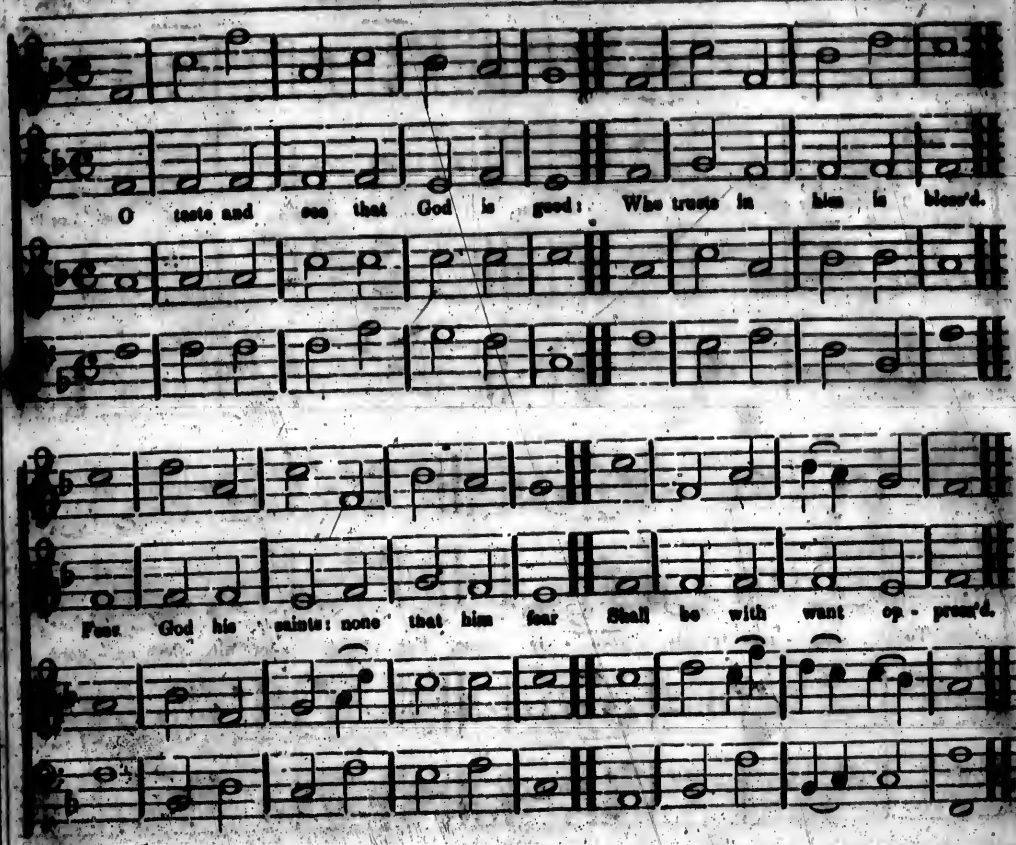

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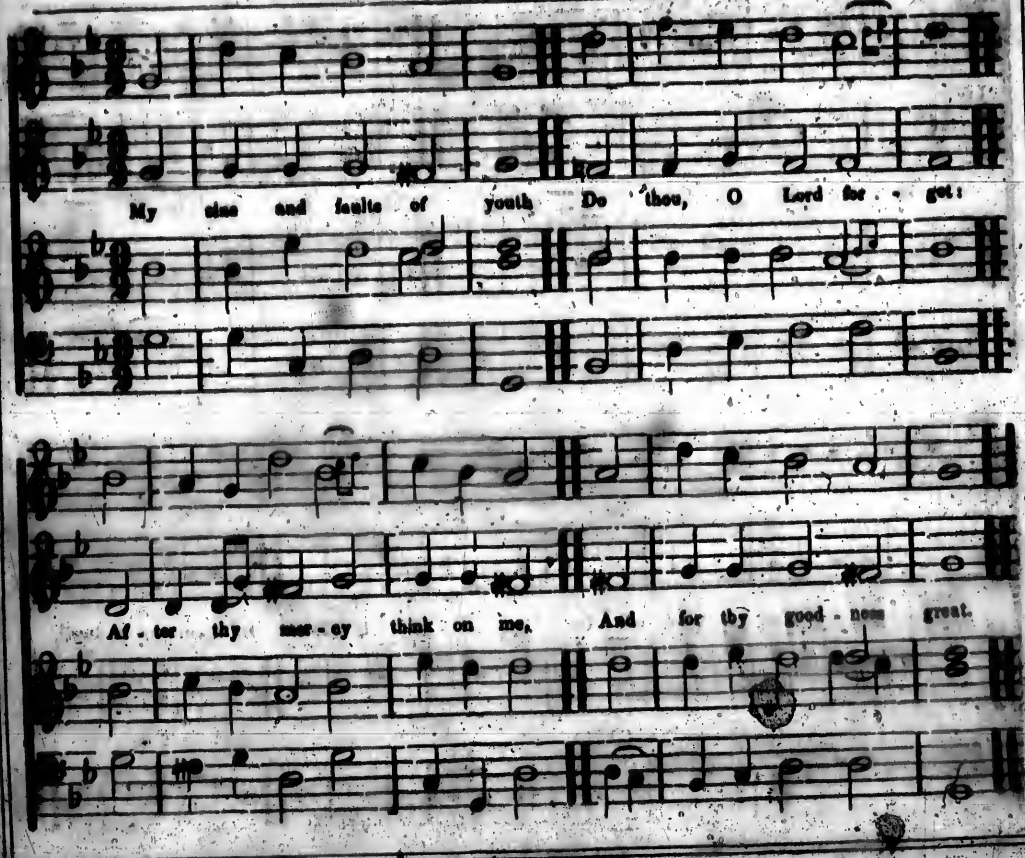

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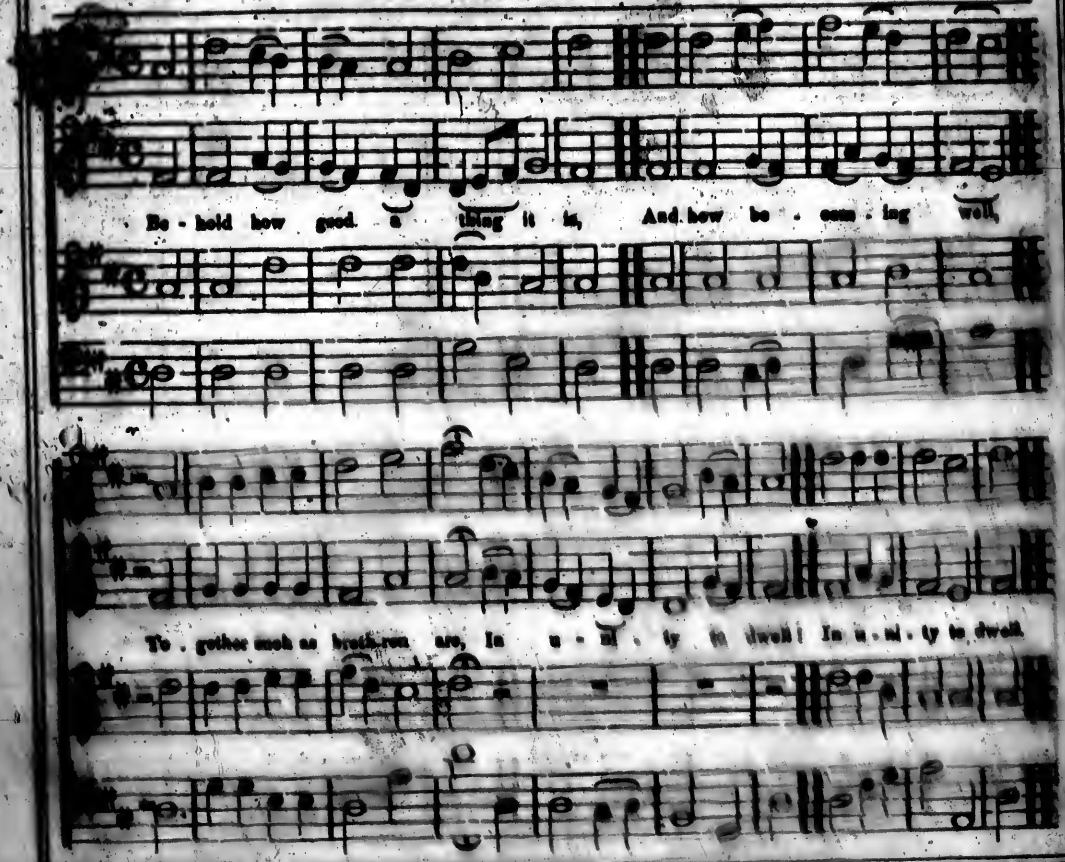

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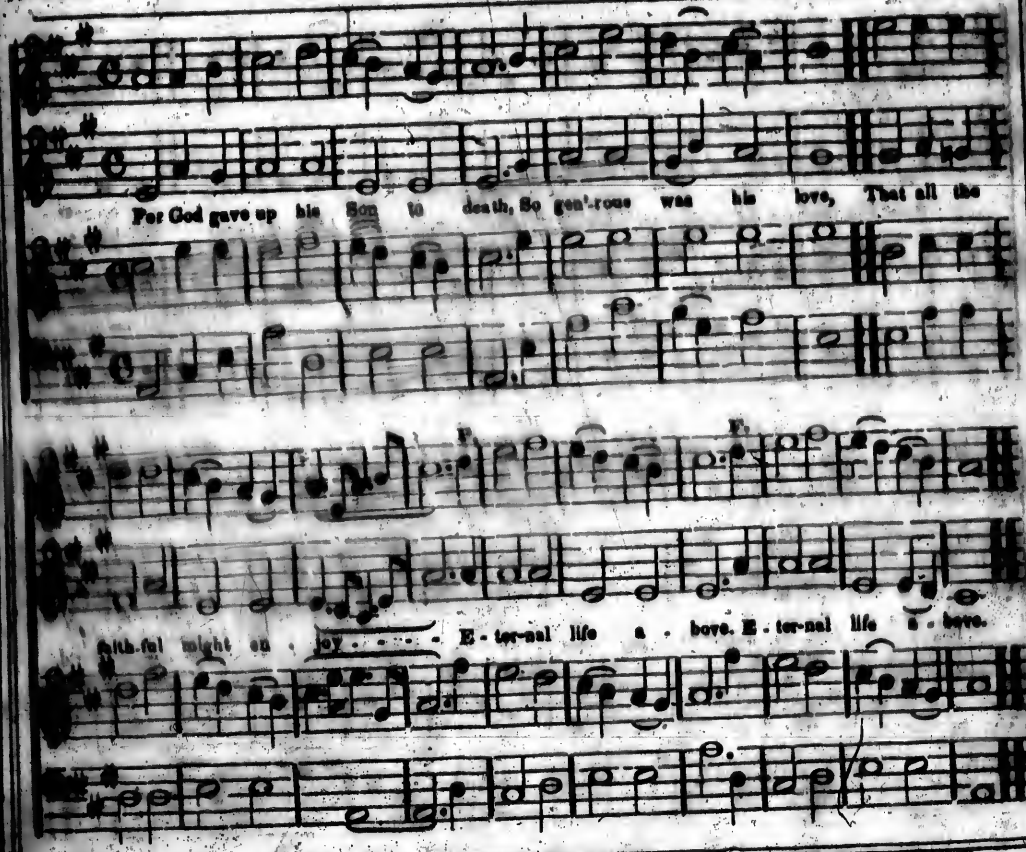

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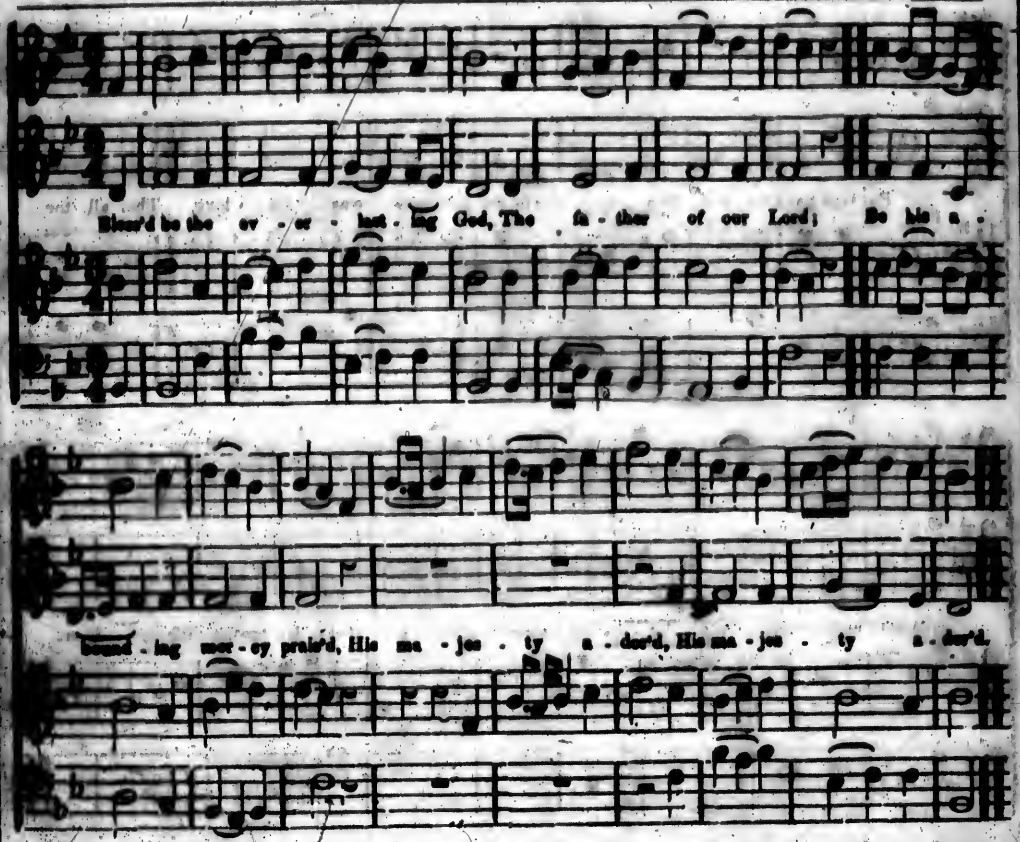

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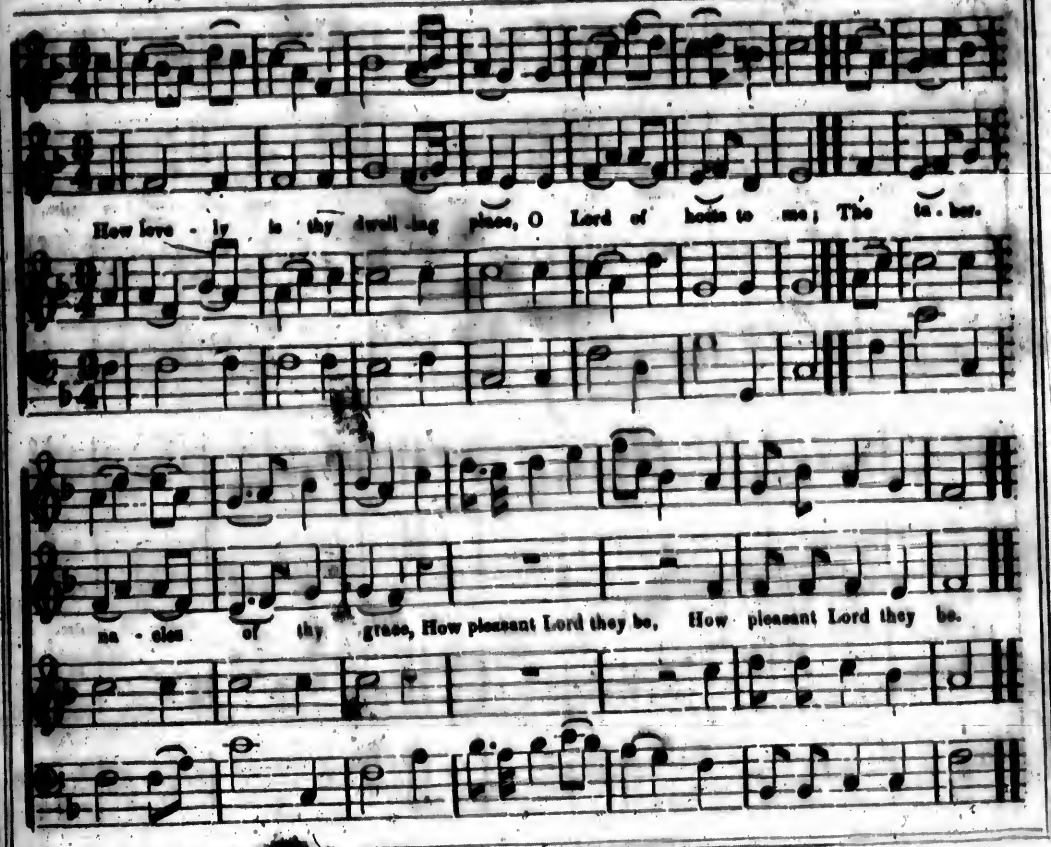

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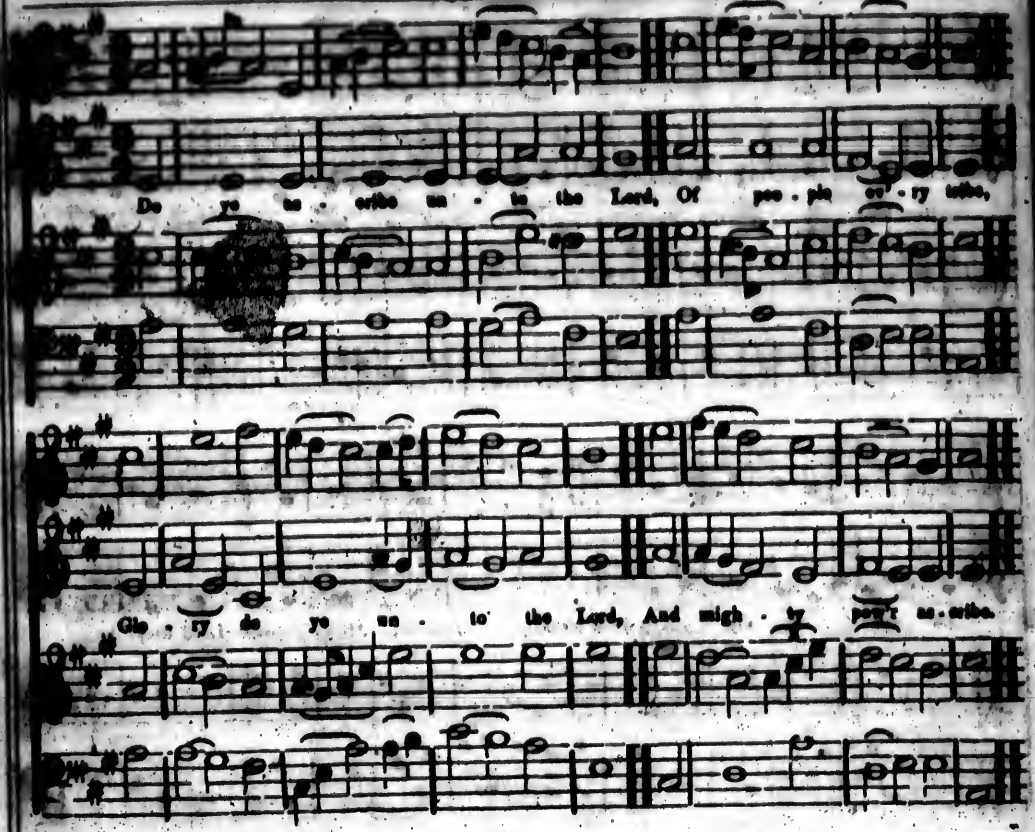

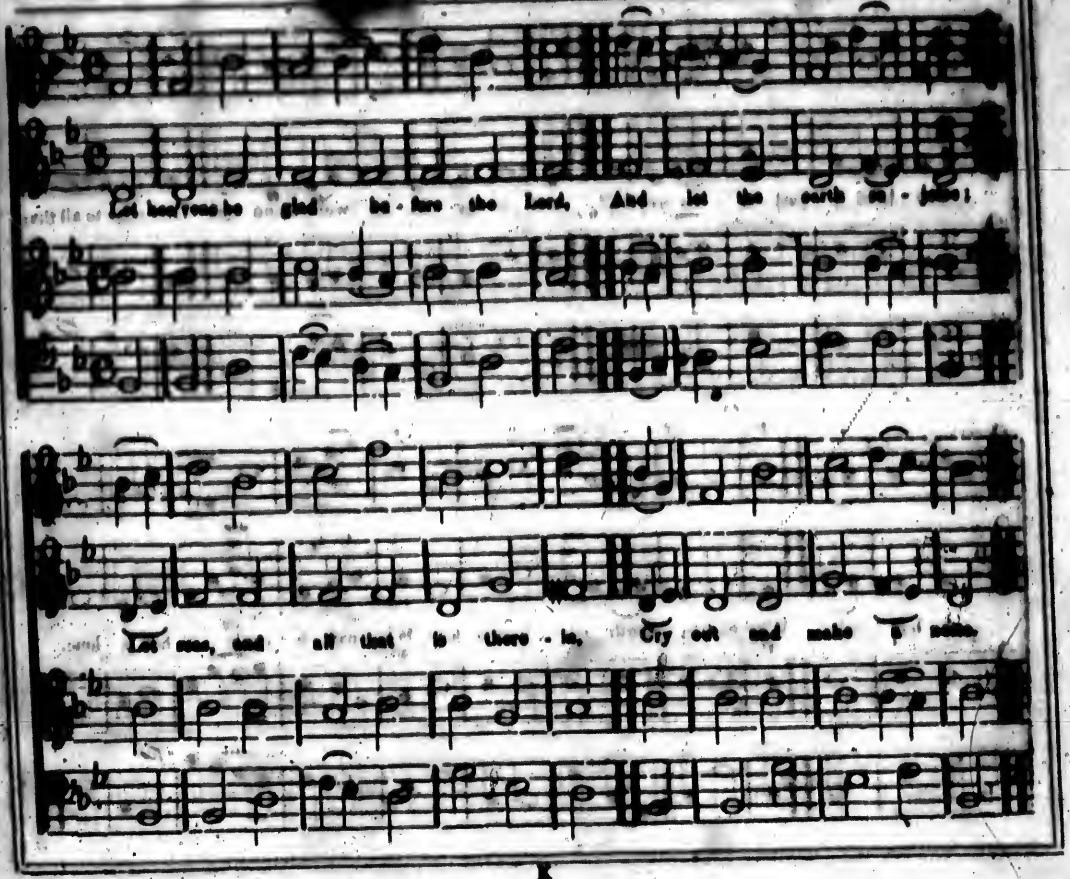
Let heav'ens be glad be - fore the Lord, And let the earth re - joice!
Let seas, and all that in there - is, Cry out and make a noise.

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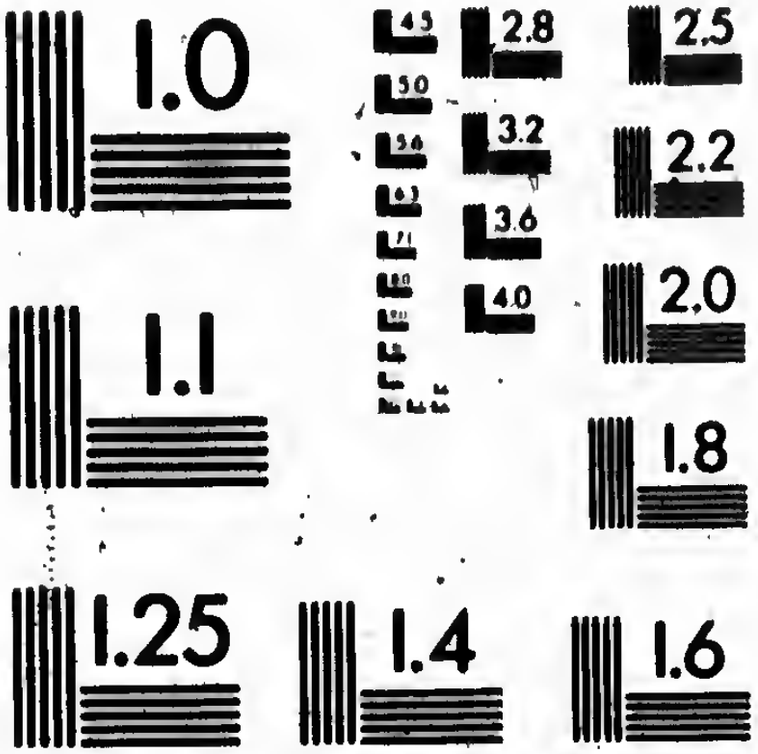

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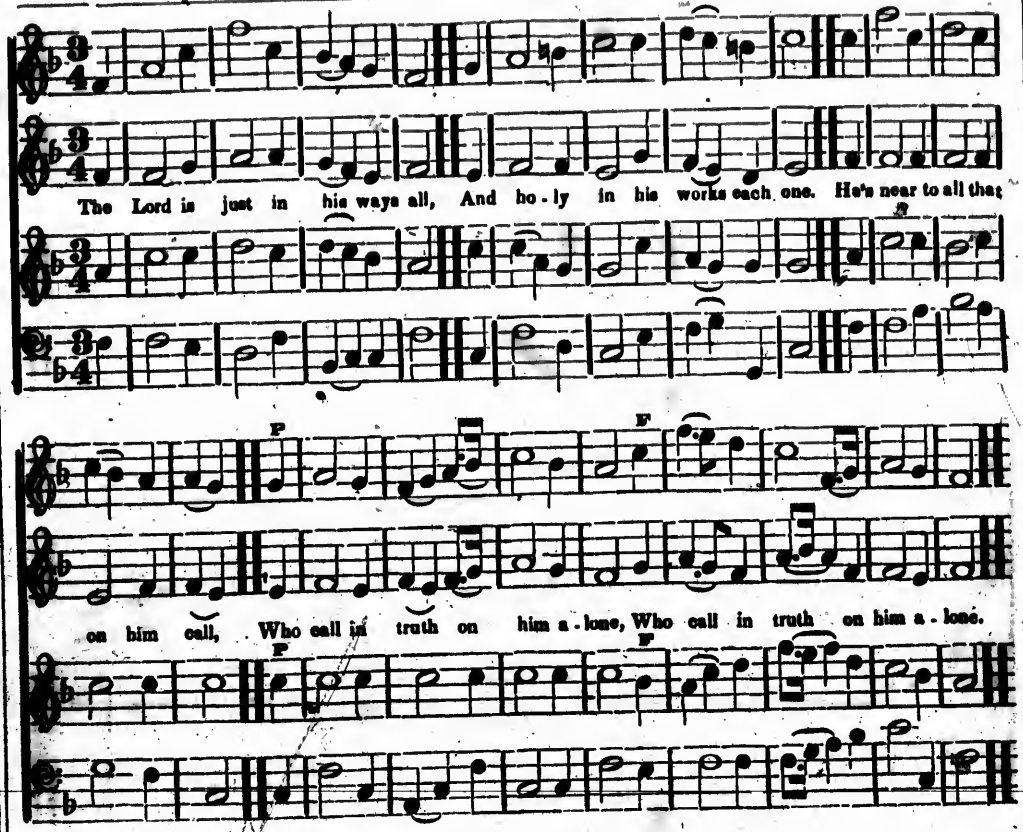

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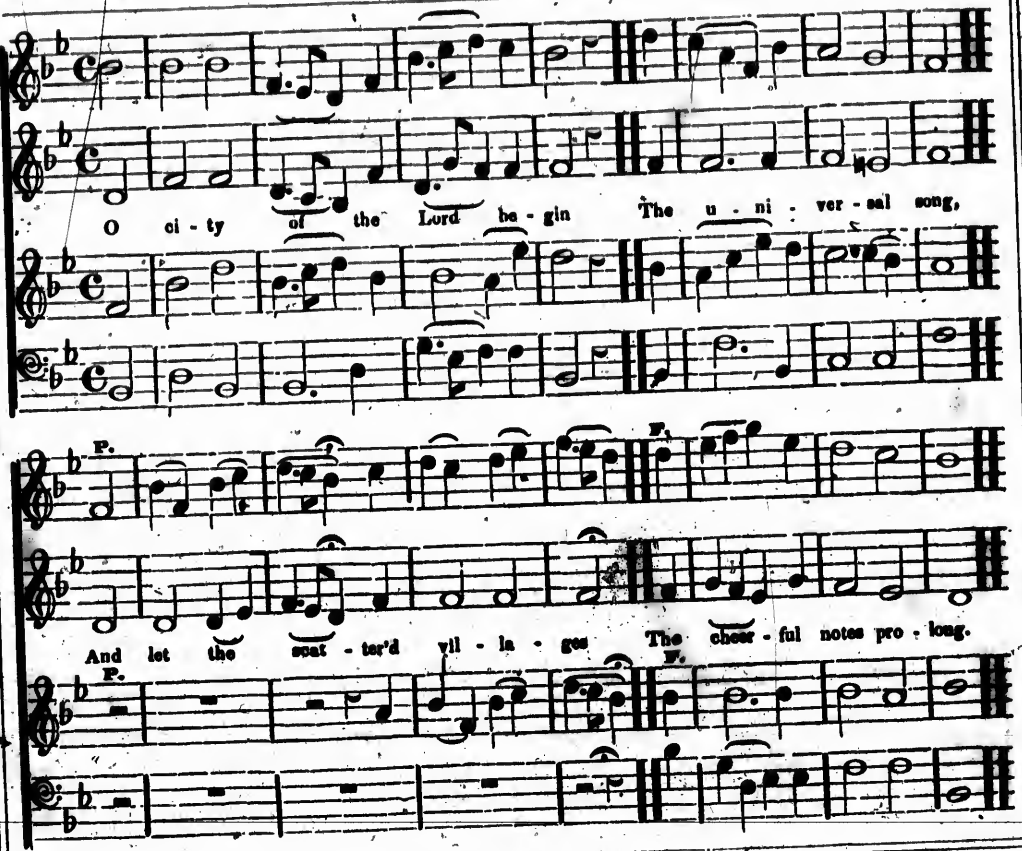

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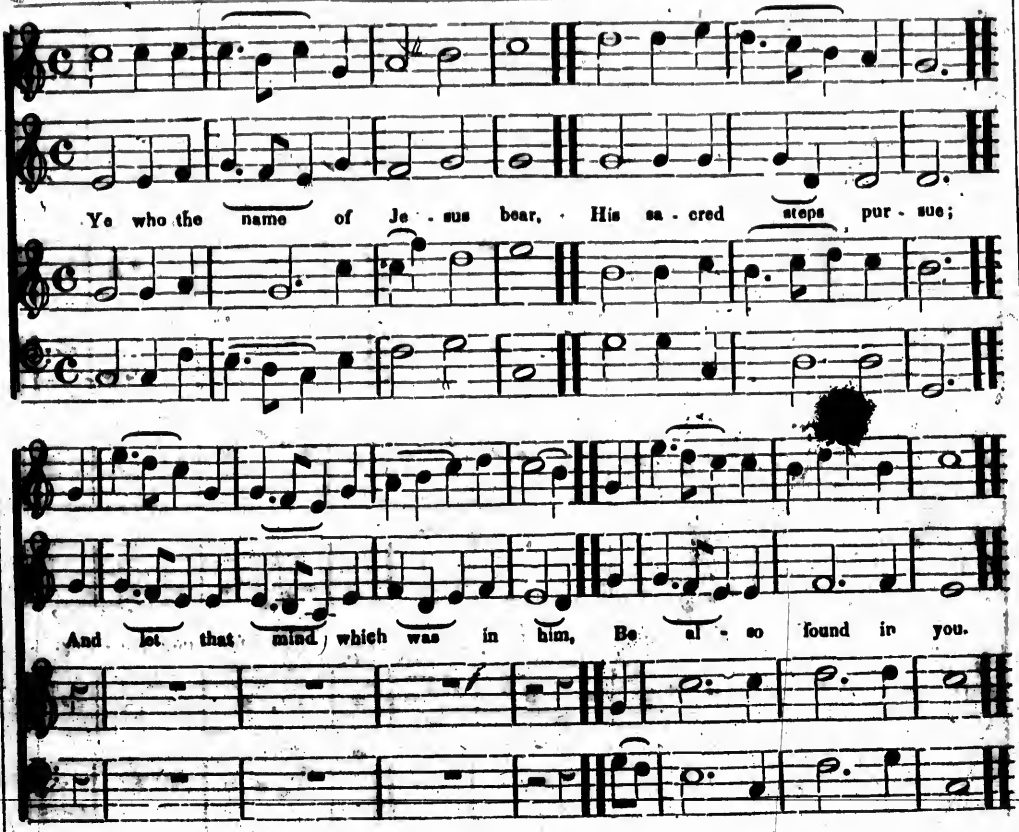

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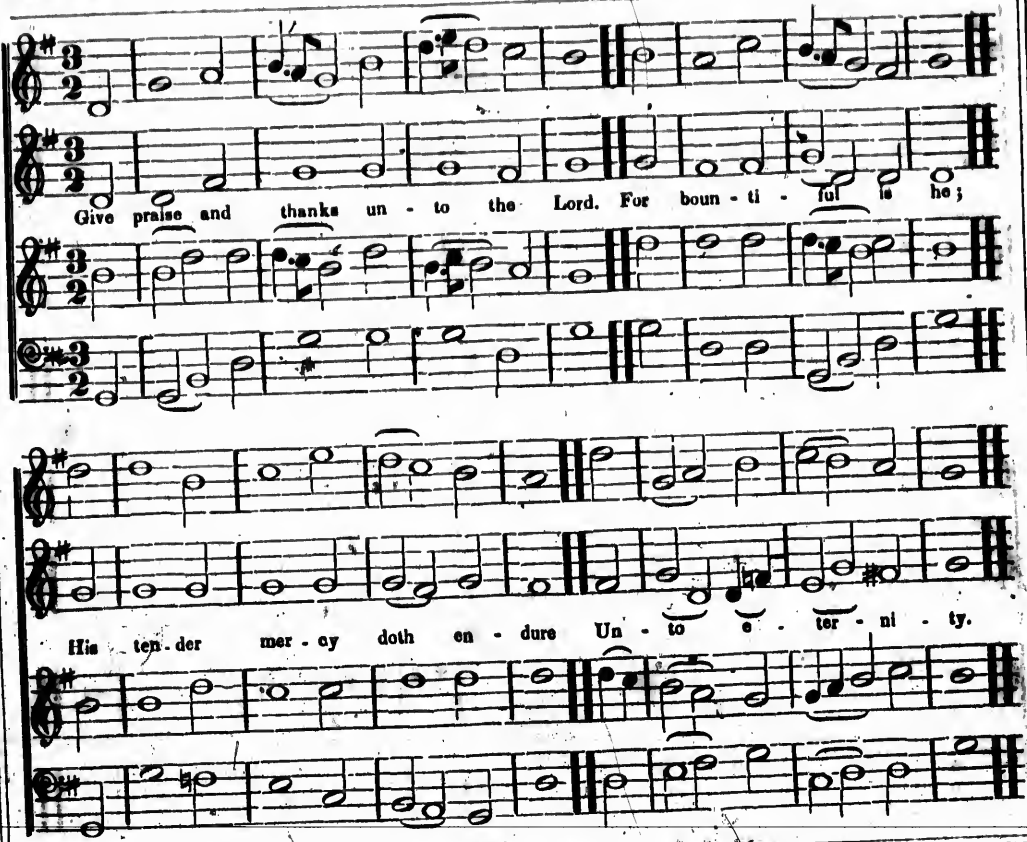

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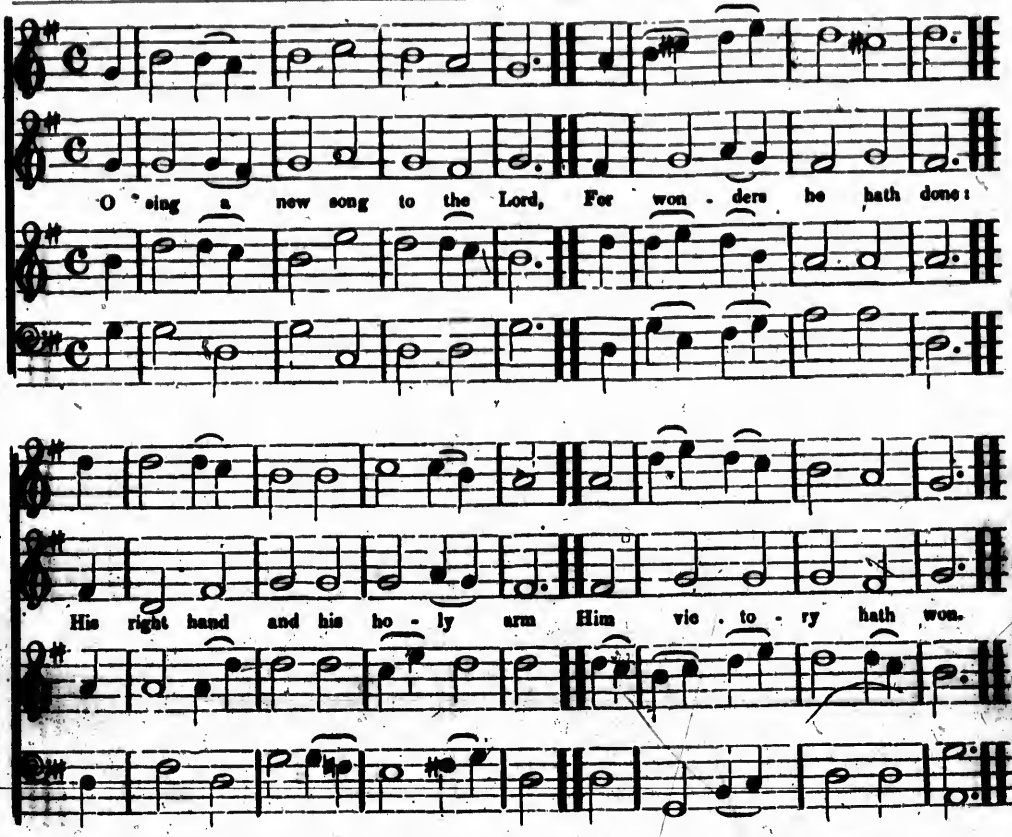

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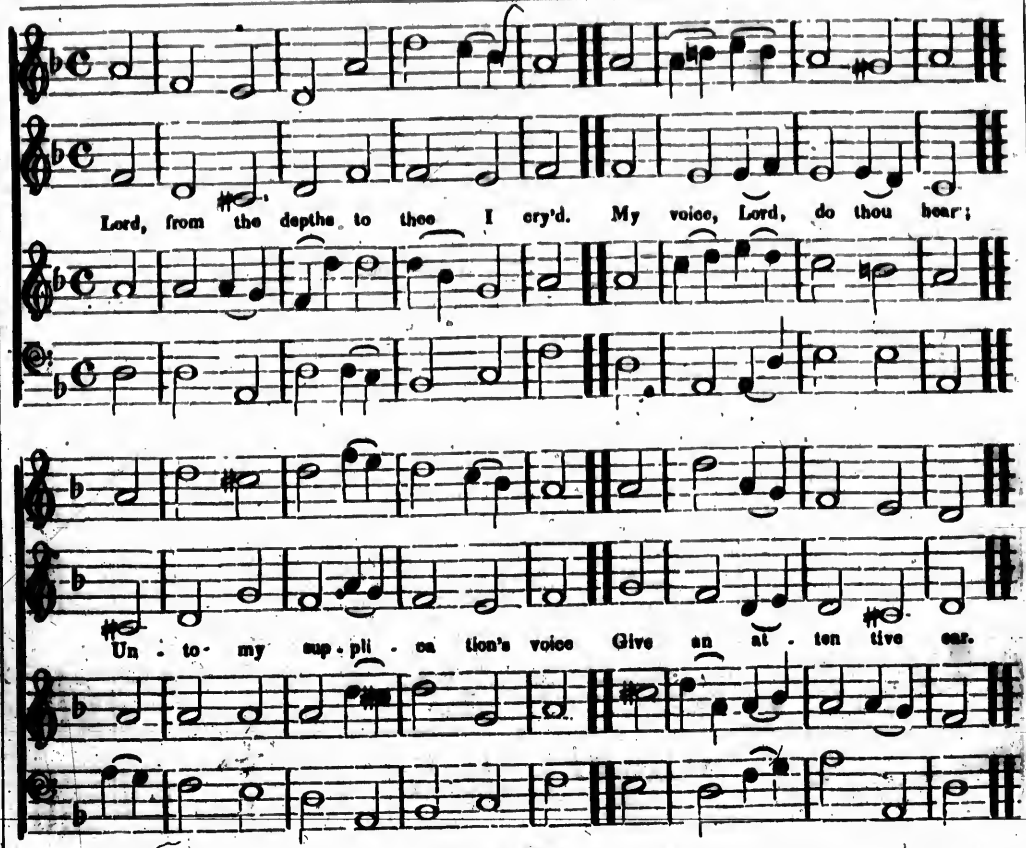

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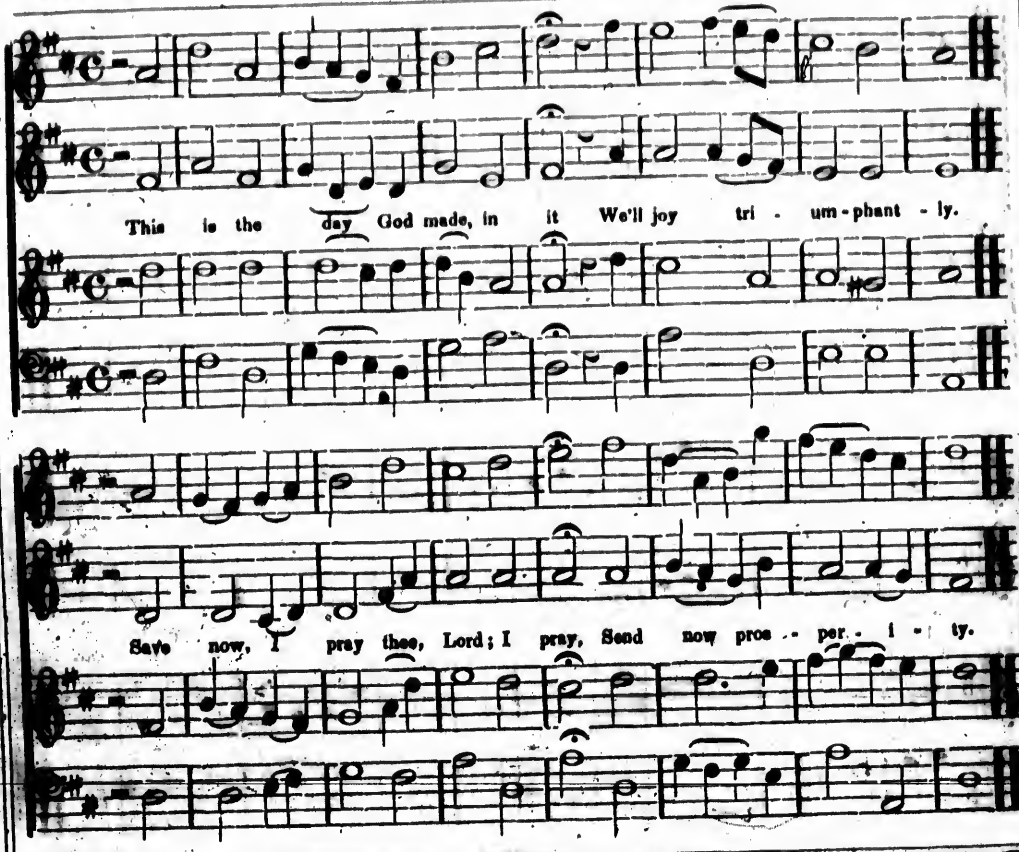

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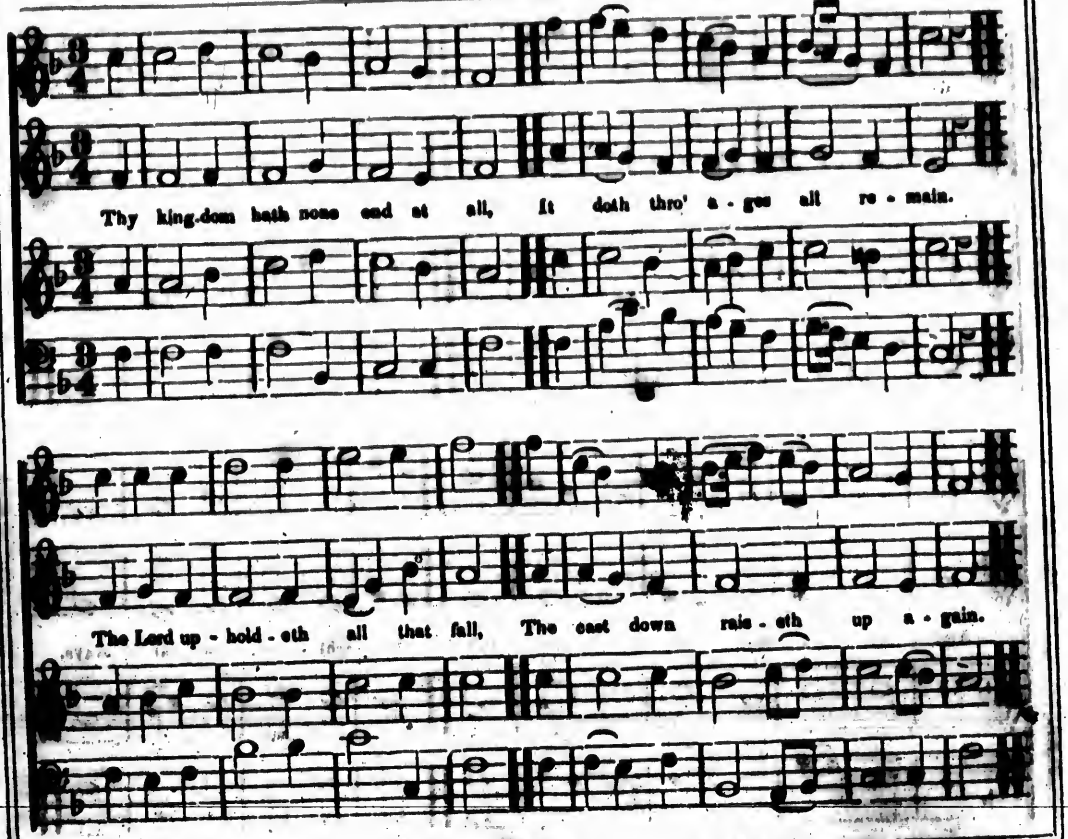

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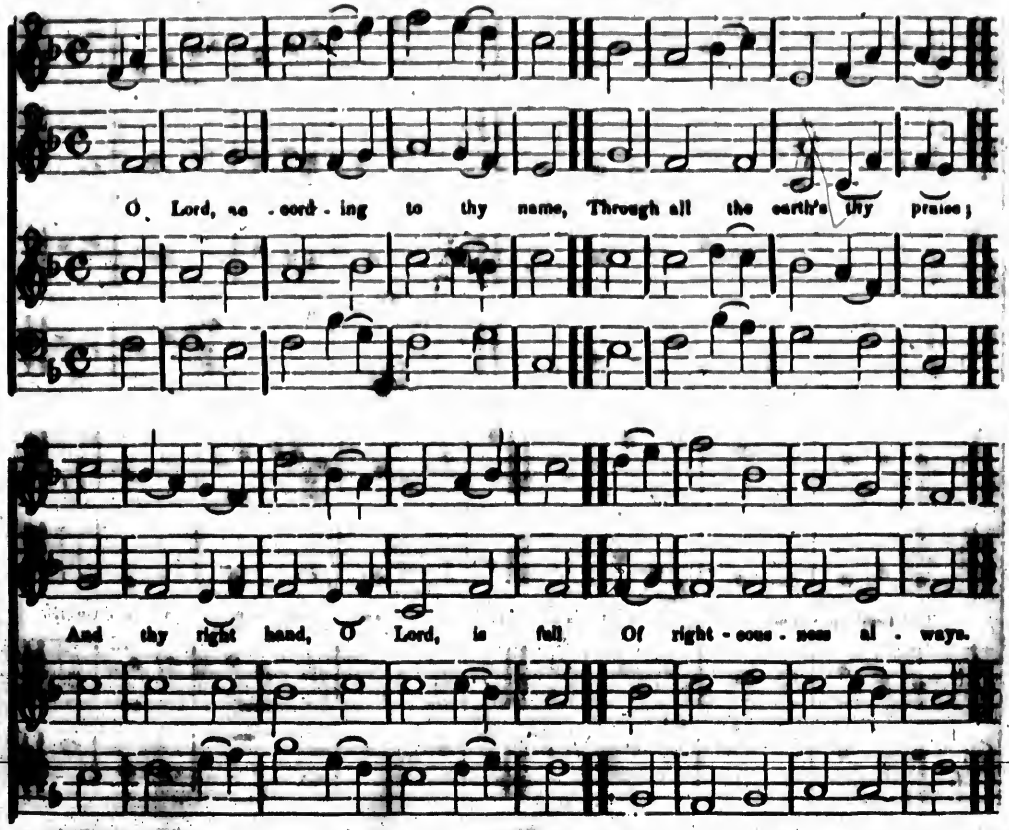

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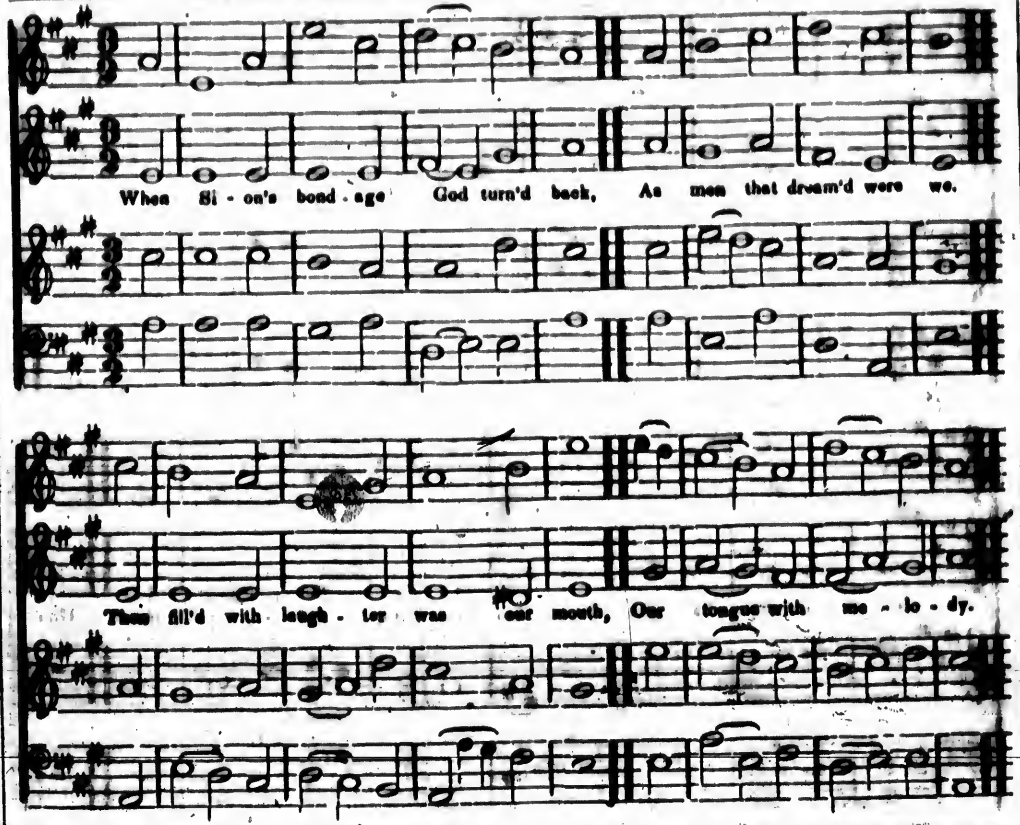

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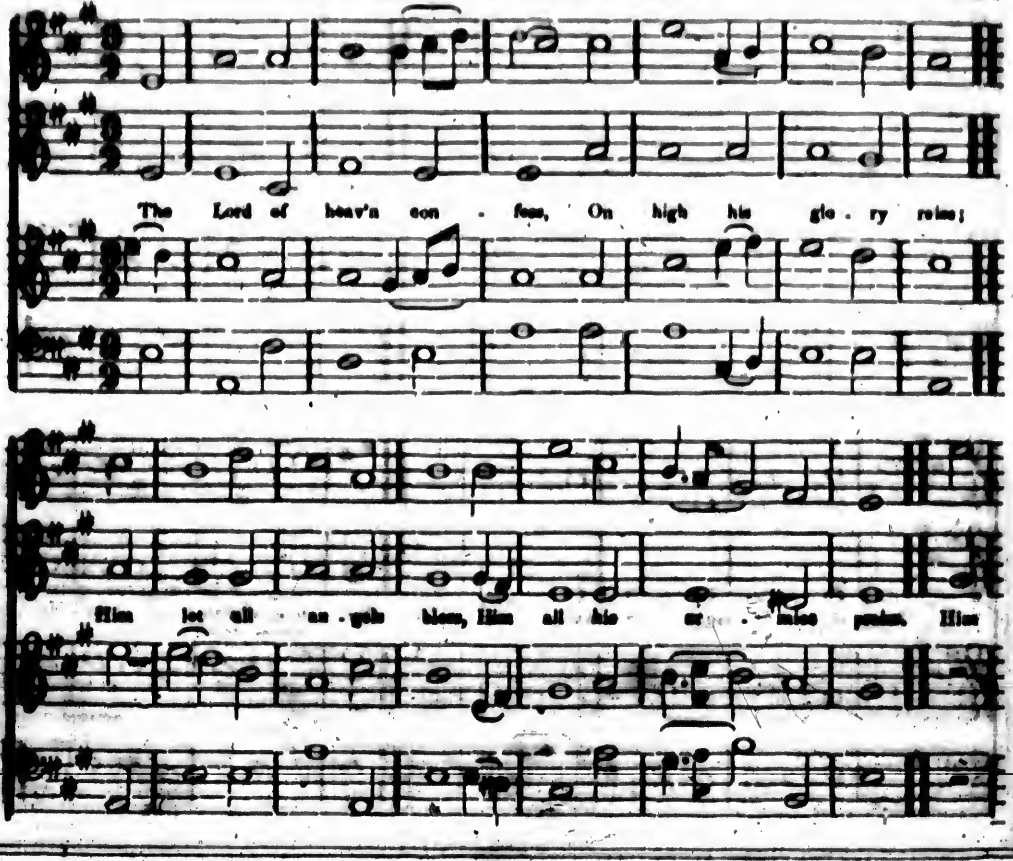

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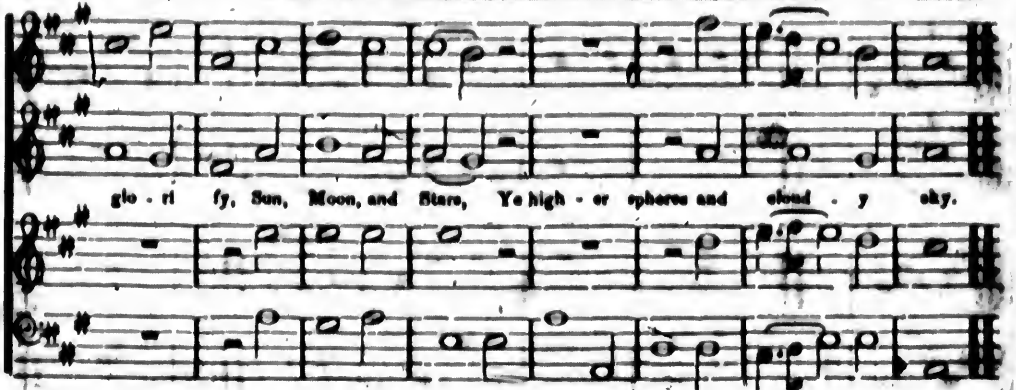

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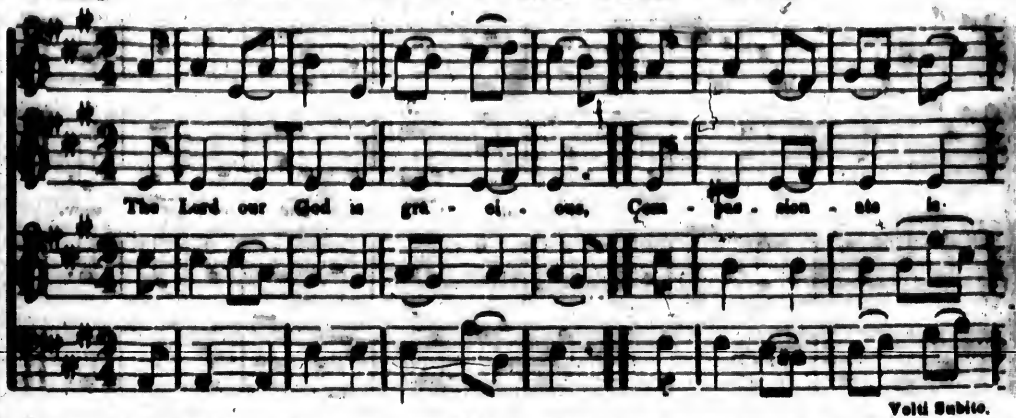

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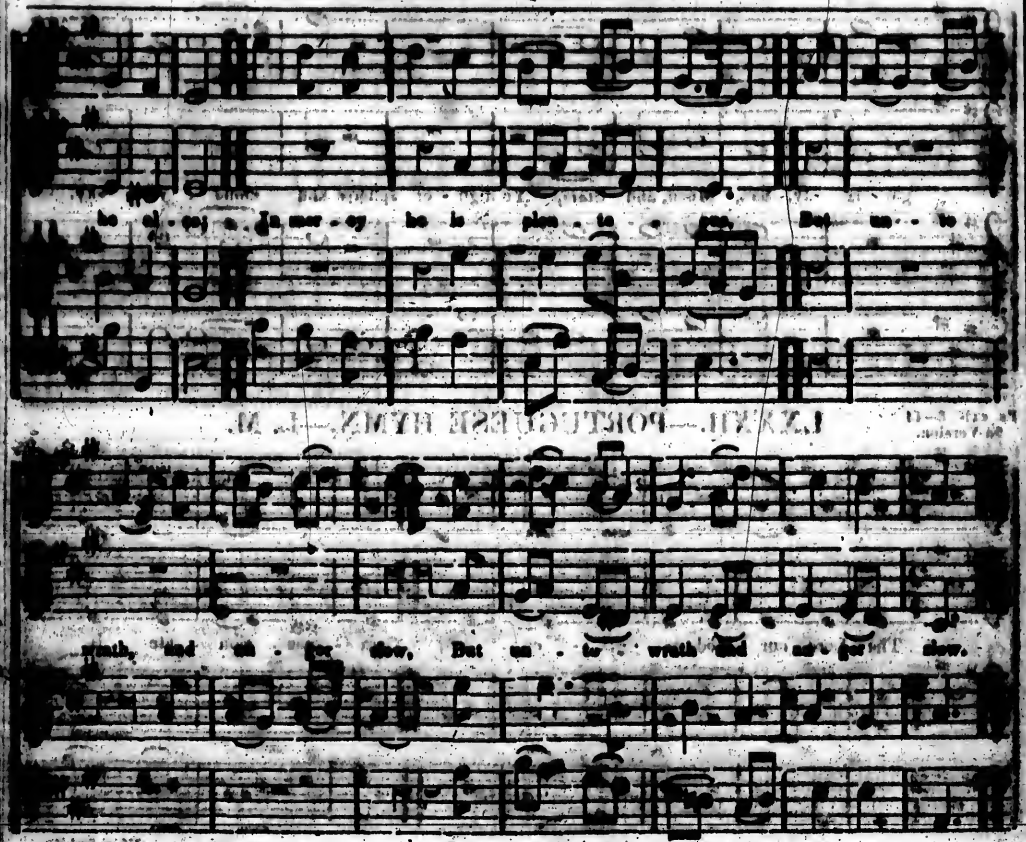
he ob - ey n. In mer - cy he is plen - te - ous. But un - to
wrath, and ob - ey not, slow. But un - to wrath and not ob - ey slow.

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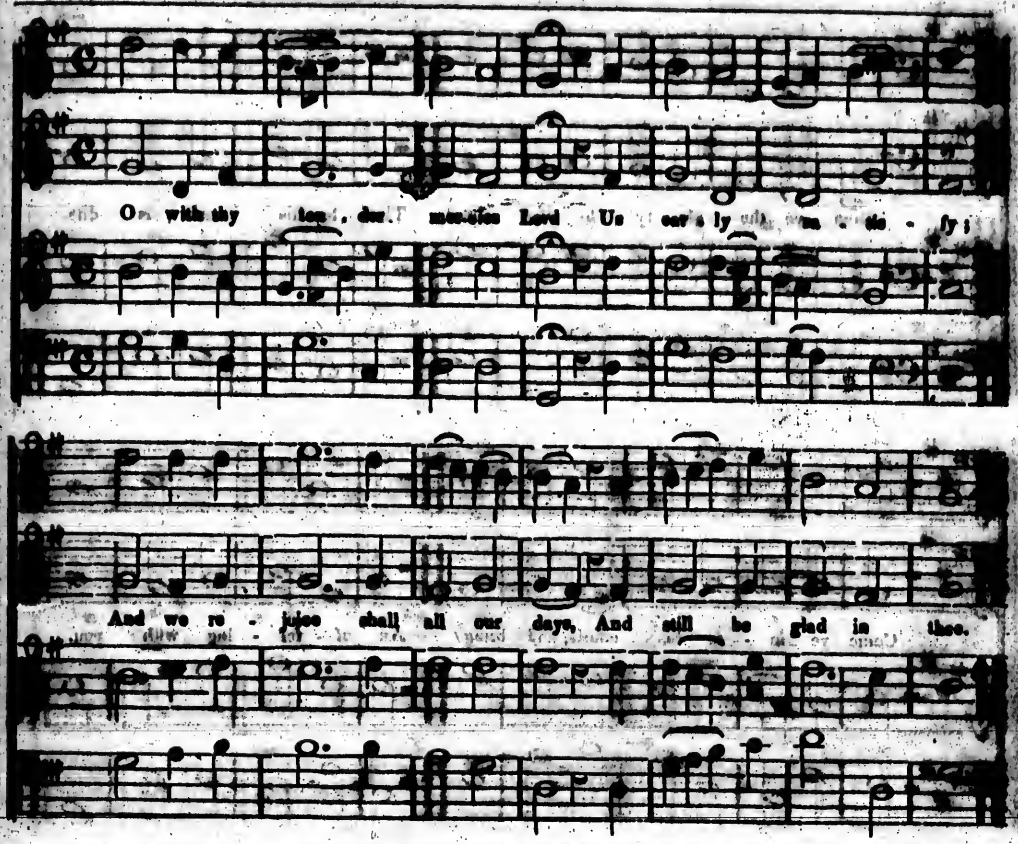

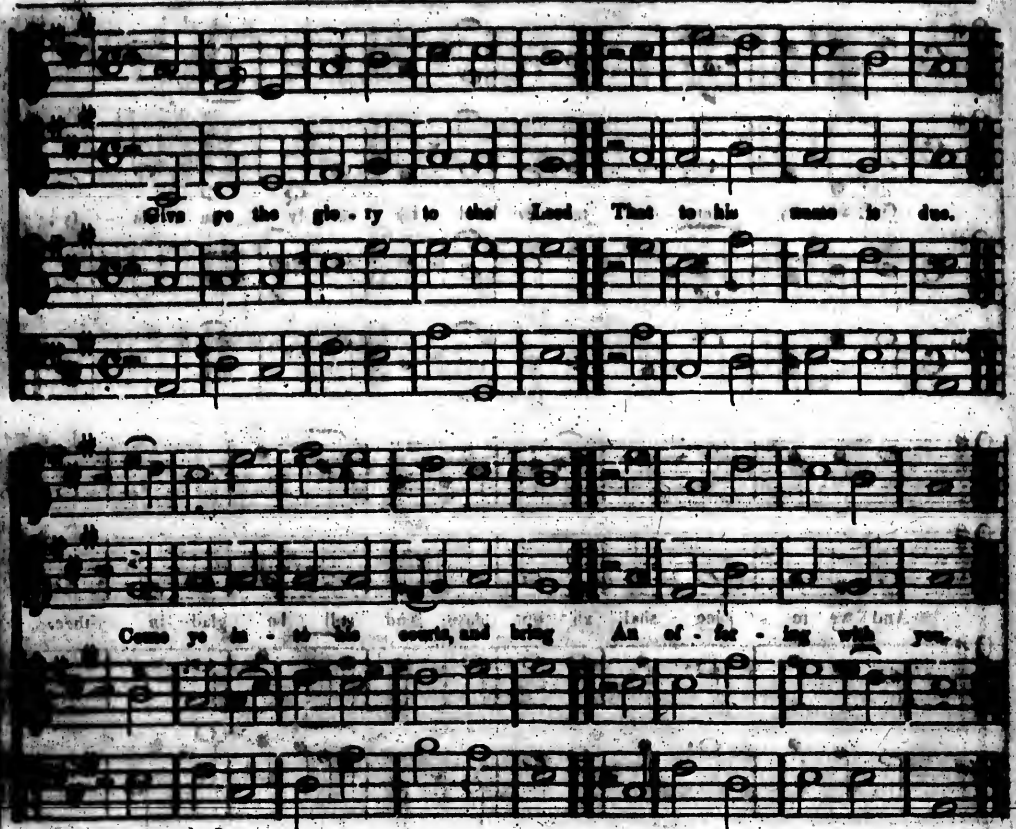
Give ye the glo - ry to the Lord That to his name is due.
Come ye in - to his courts, and bring An of - fer - ing with you.

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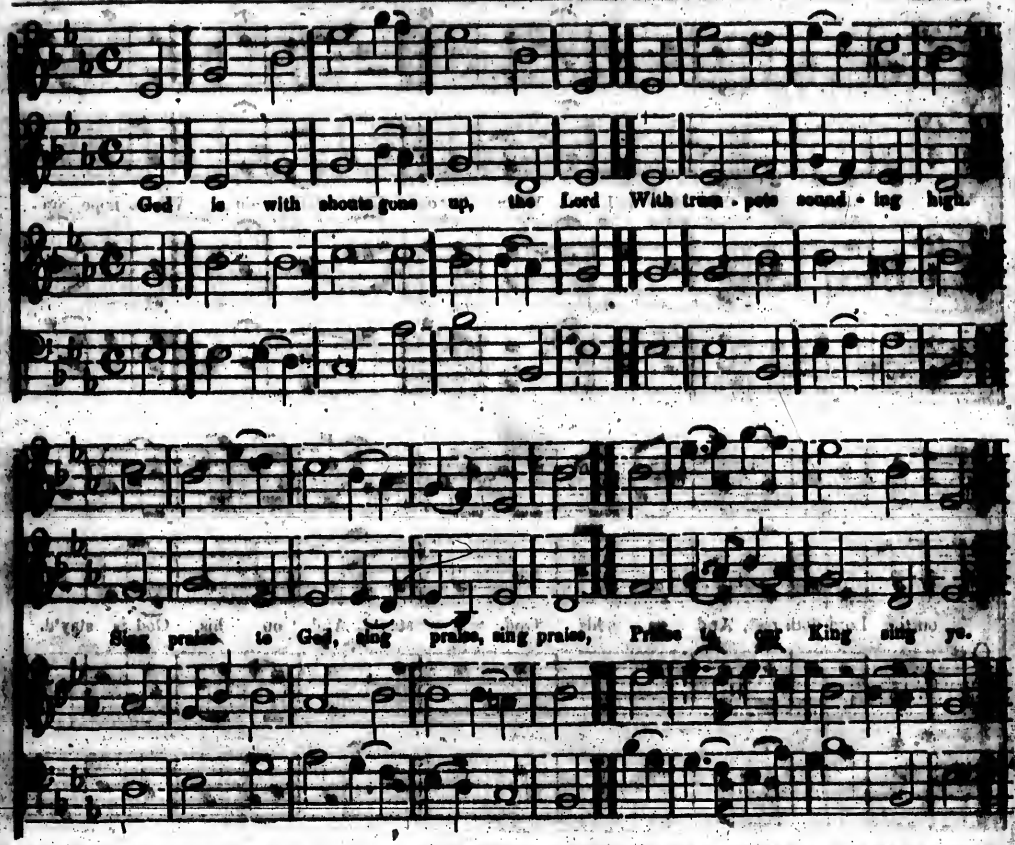
Old Scottish Melody.



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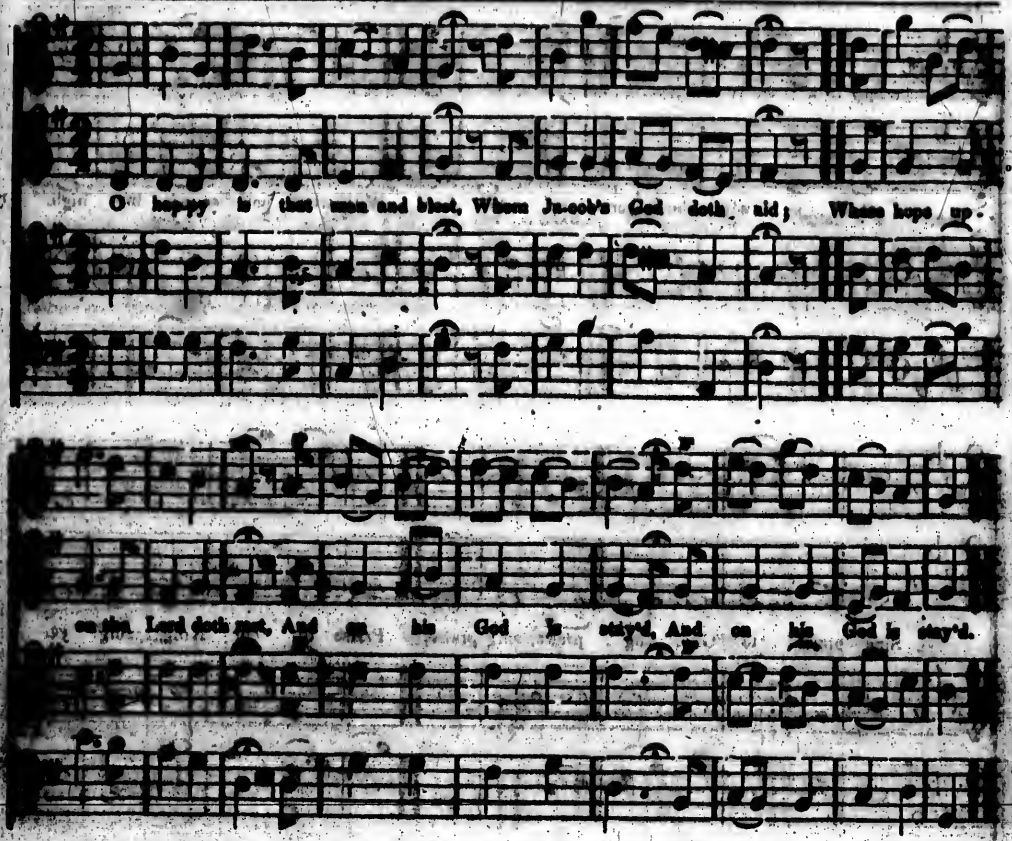

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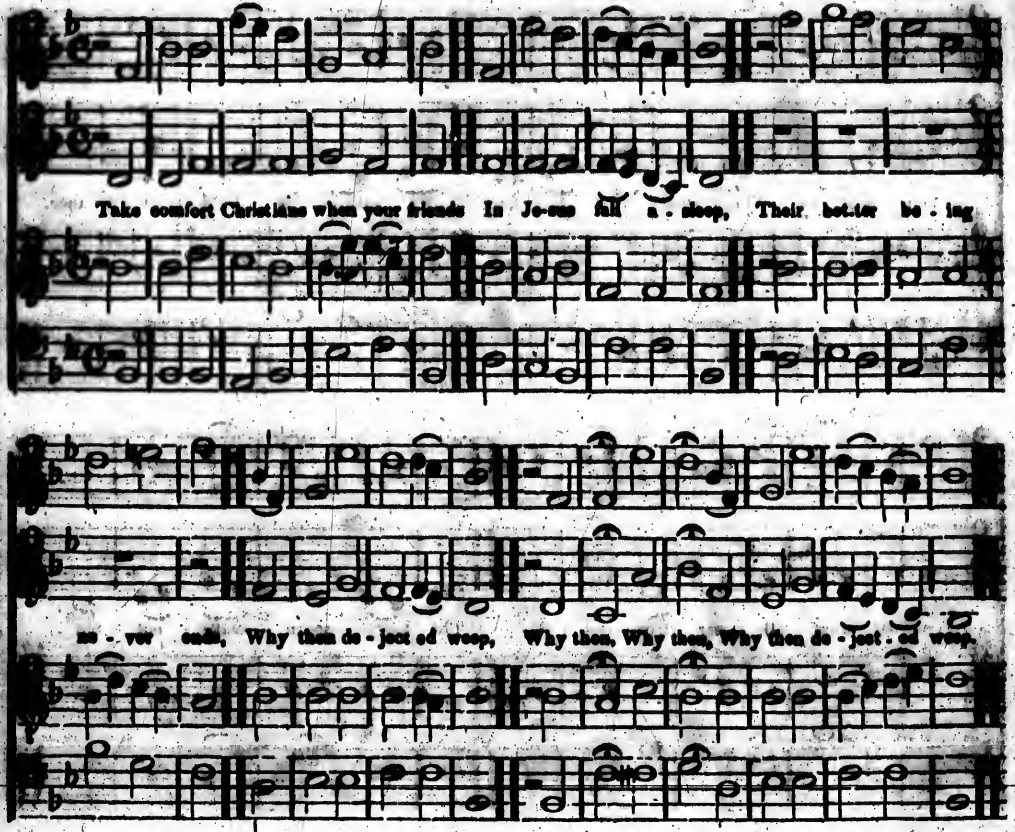

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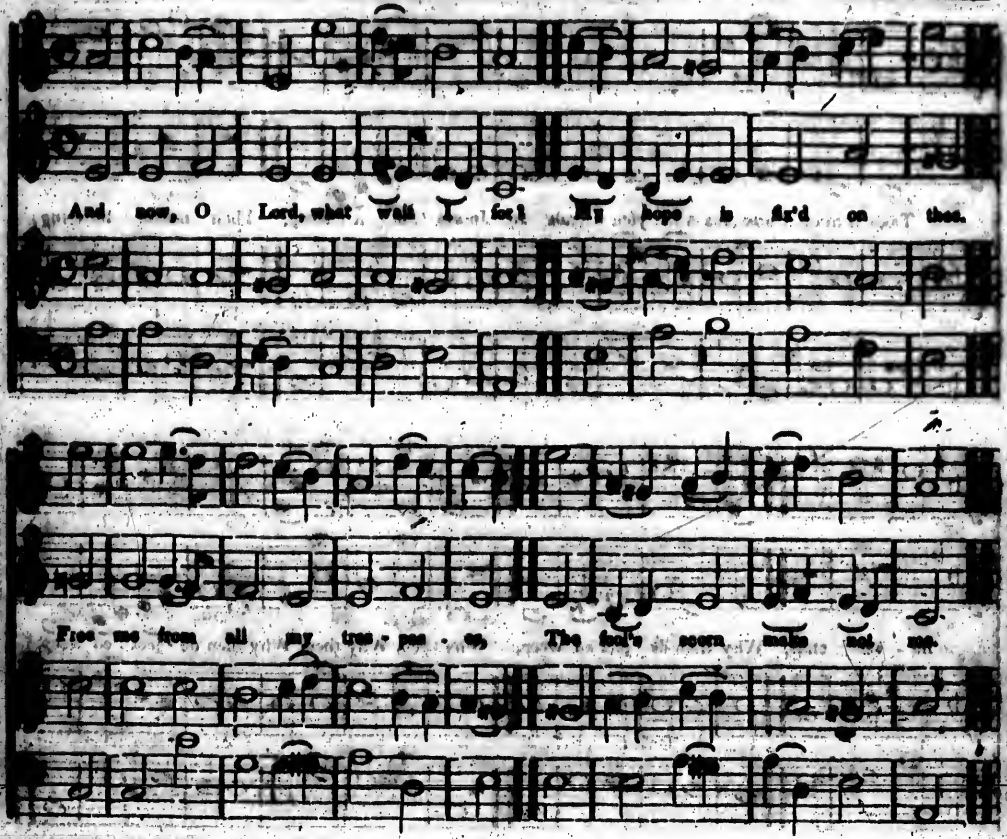

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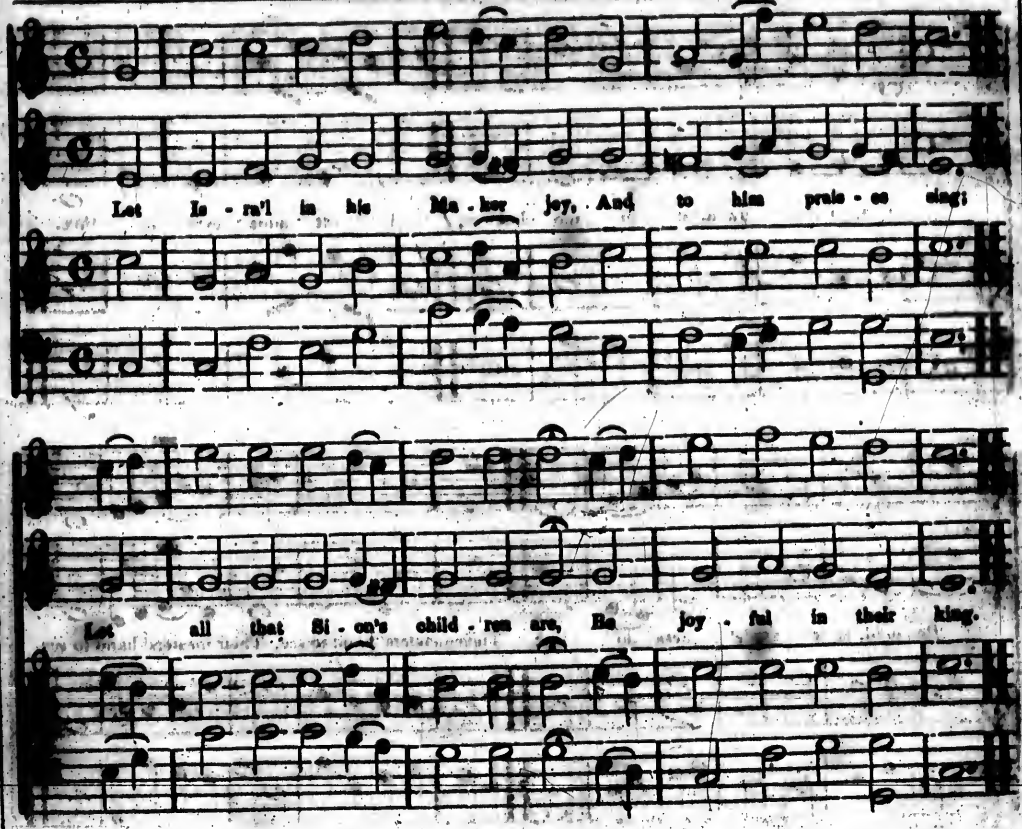

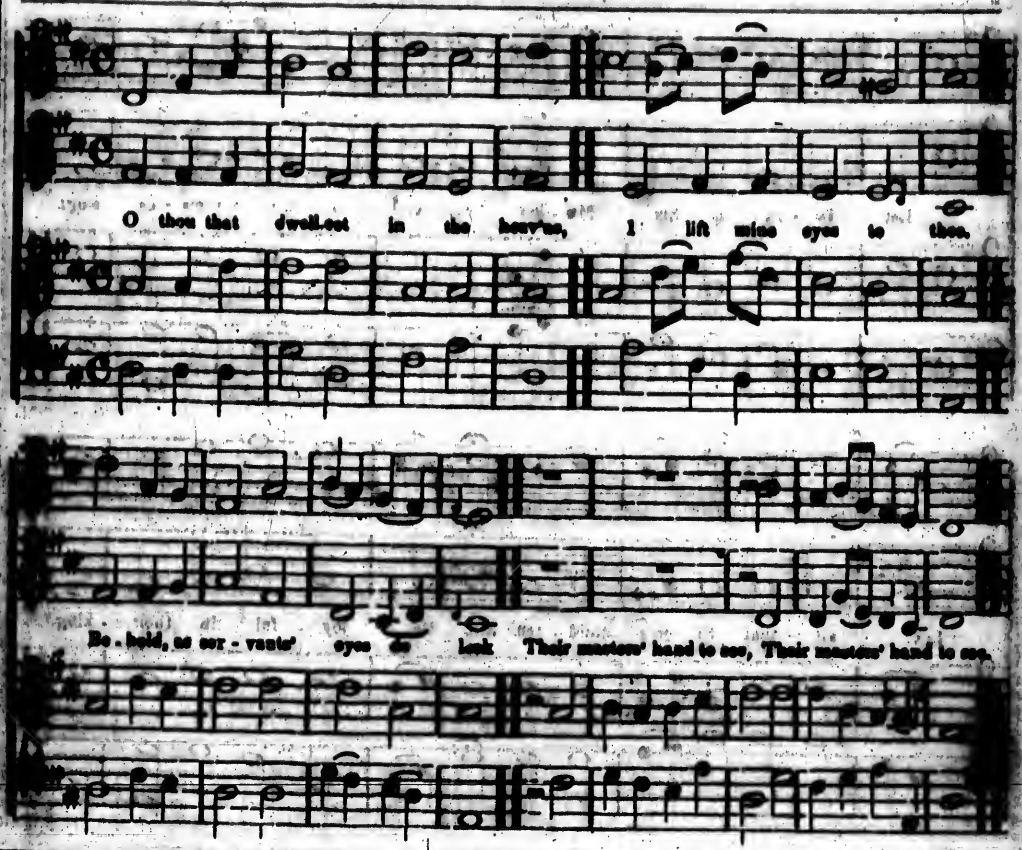
O thou that dwellest in the heavns, I lift mine eyes to thee,
Be - hold, as ser - vants' eyes do look Their masters' hand to see, Their masters' hand to see.

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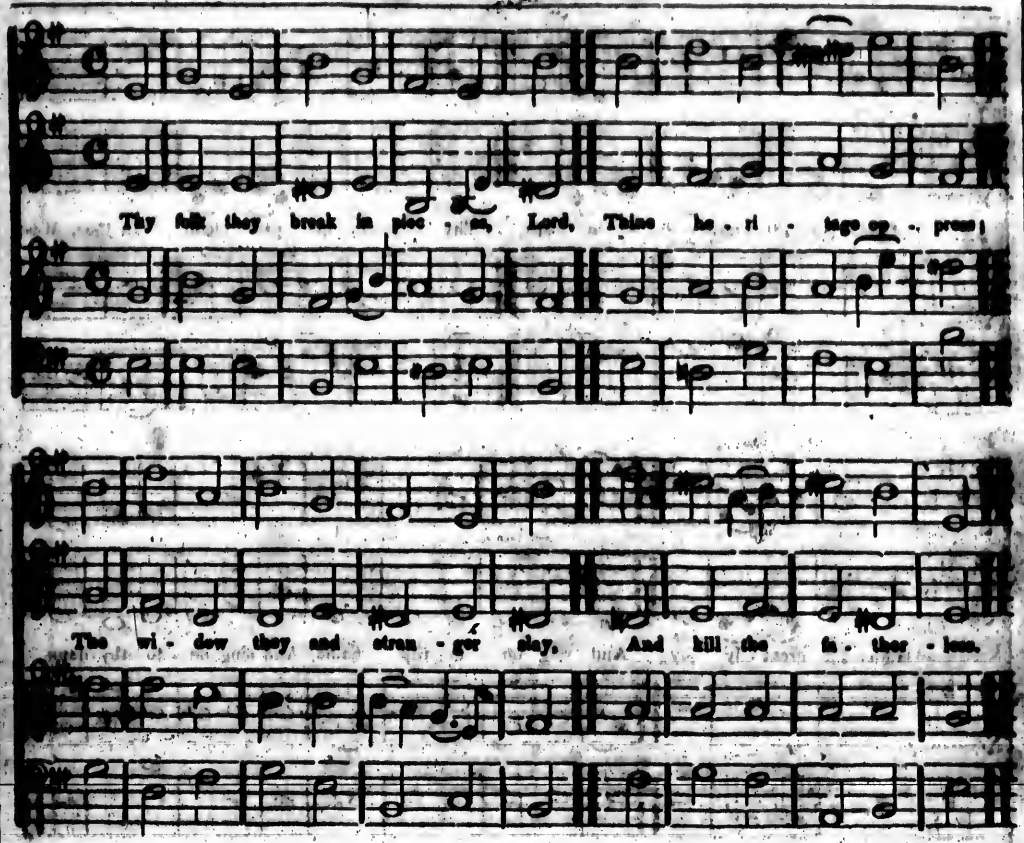

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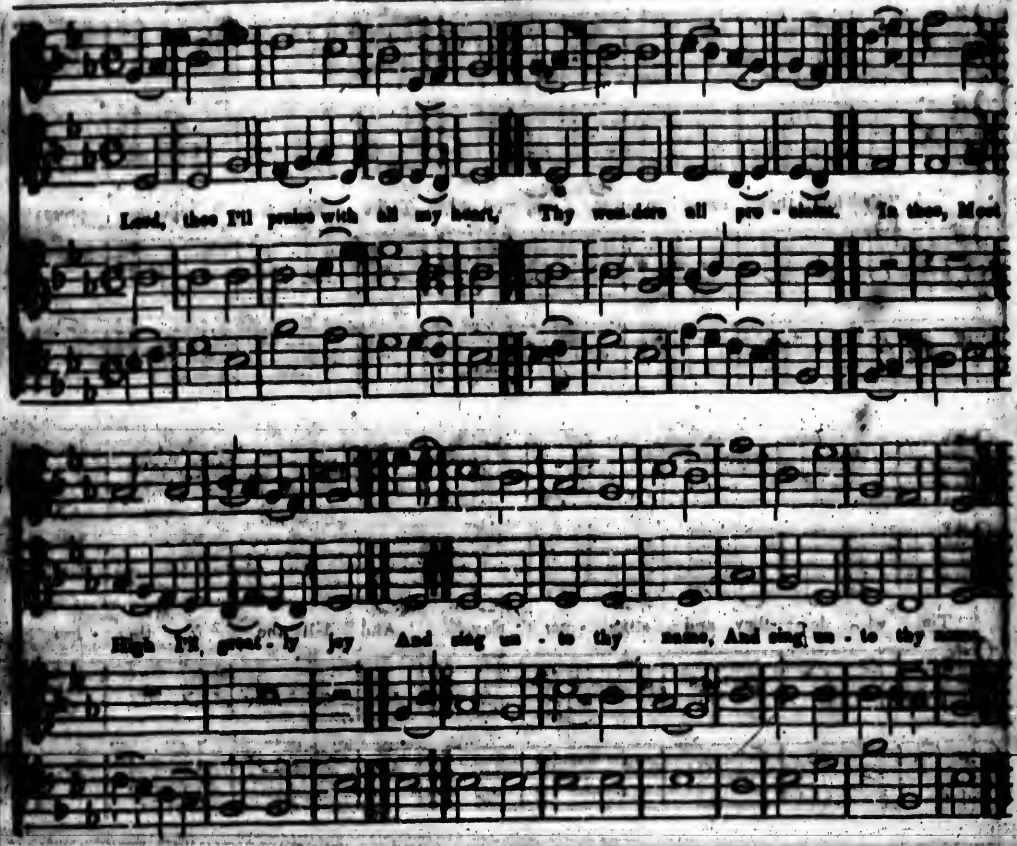

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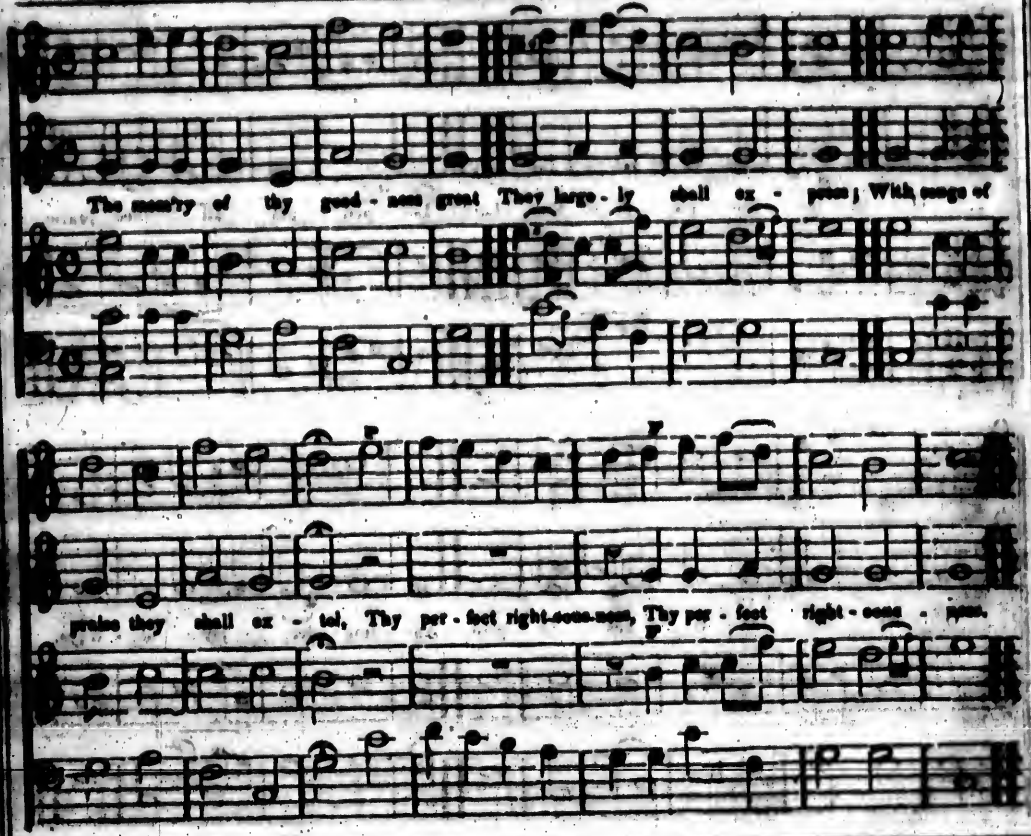

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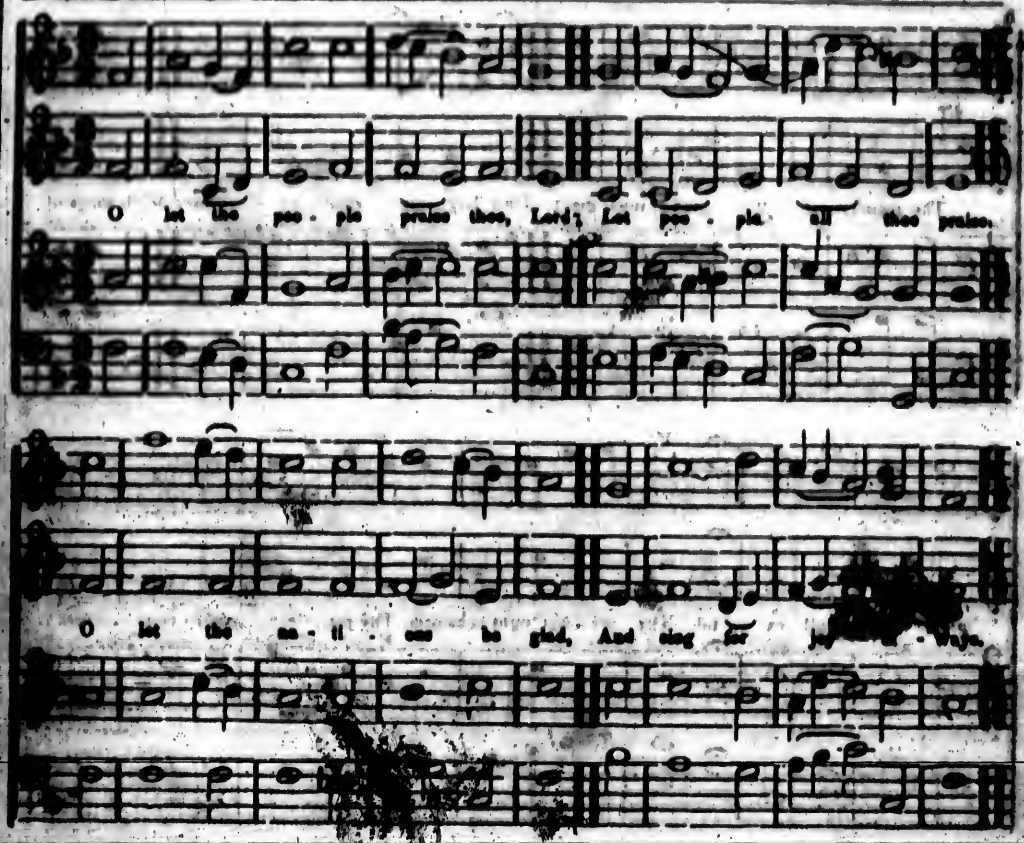

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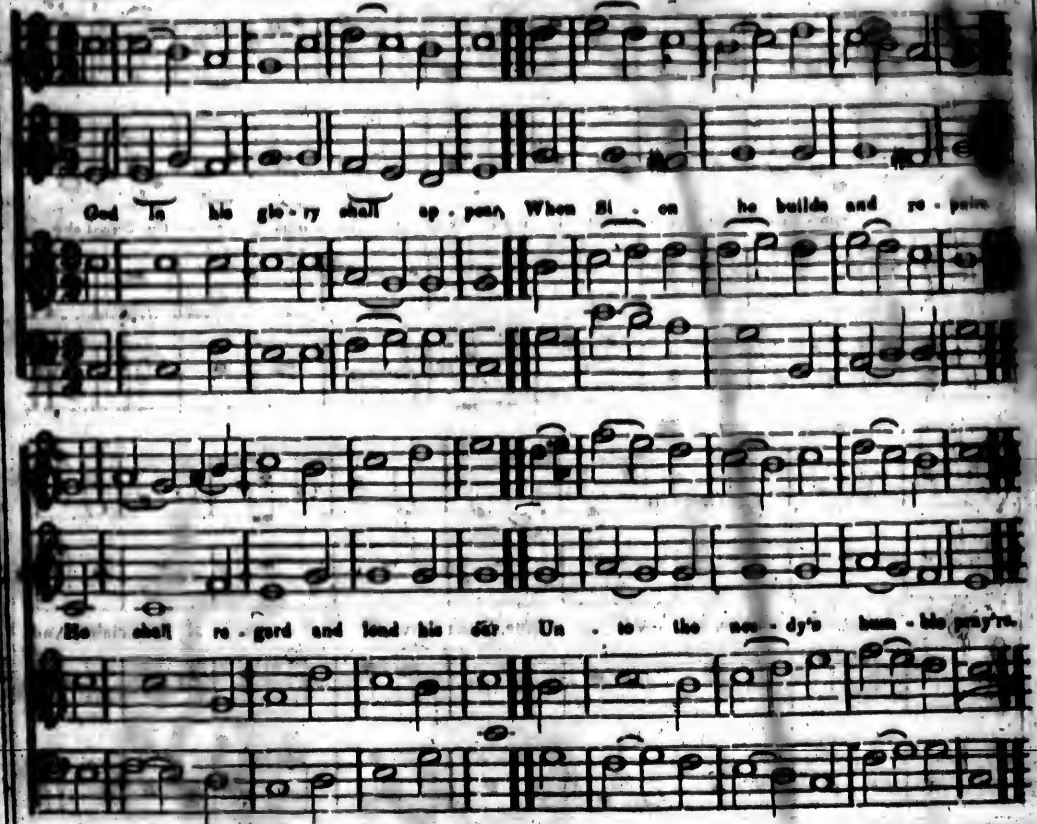
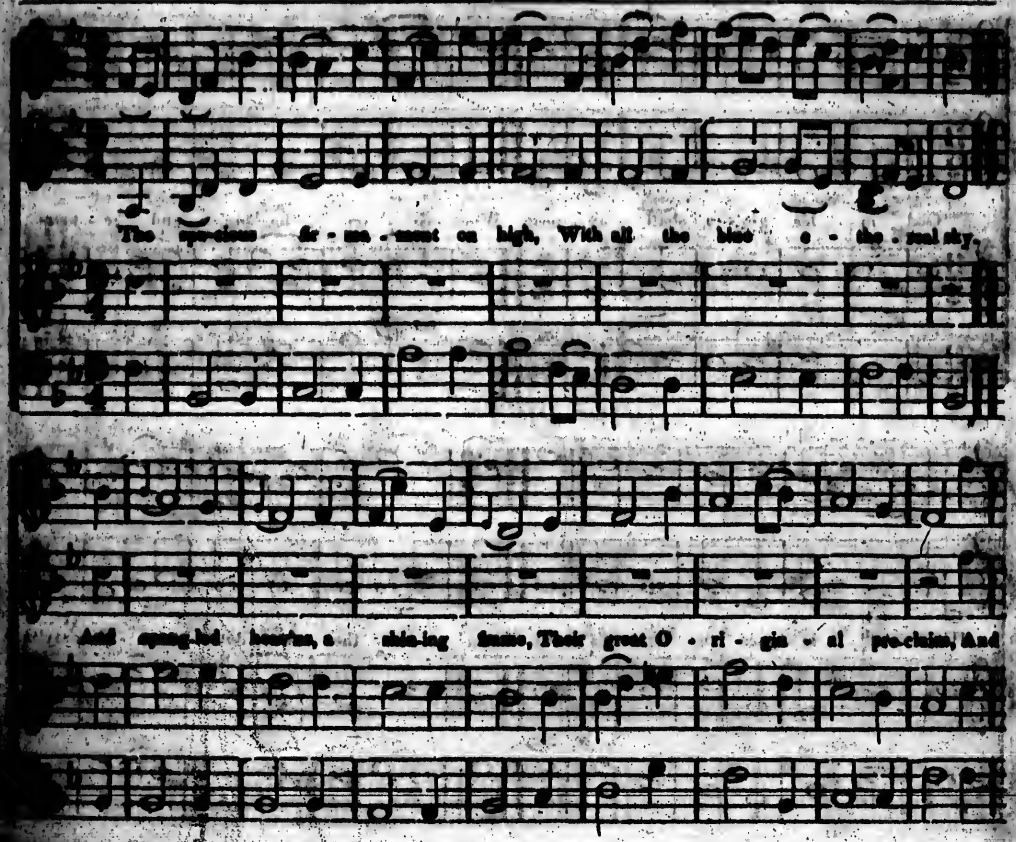
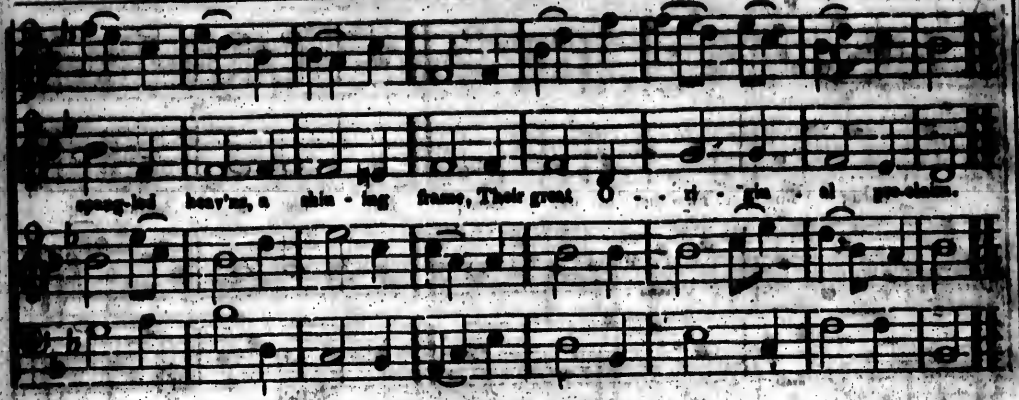



The spacious firmament on high, With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame, Their great Original proclaim; And



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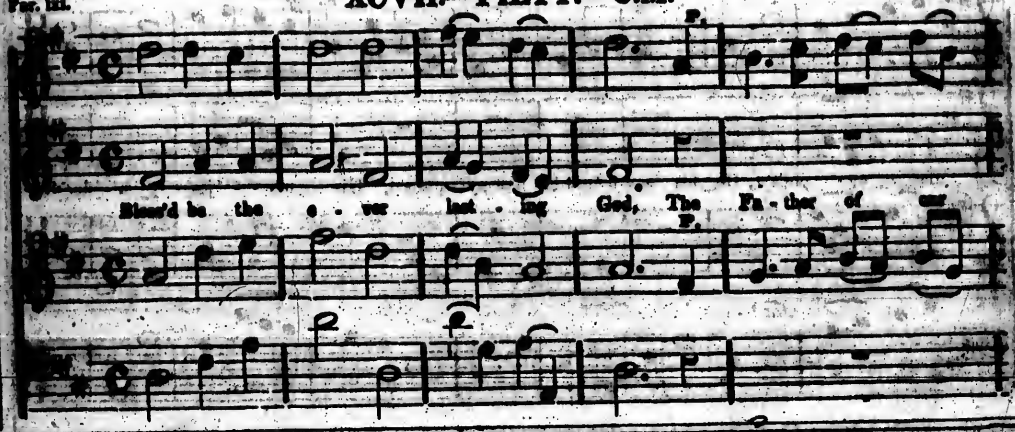

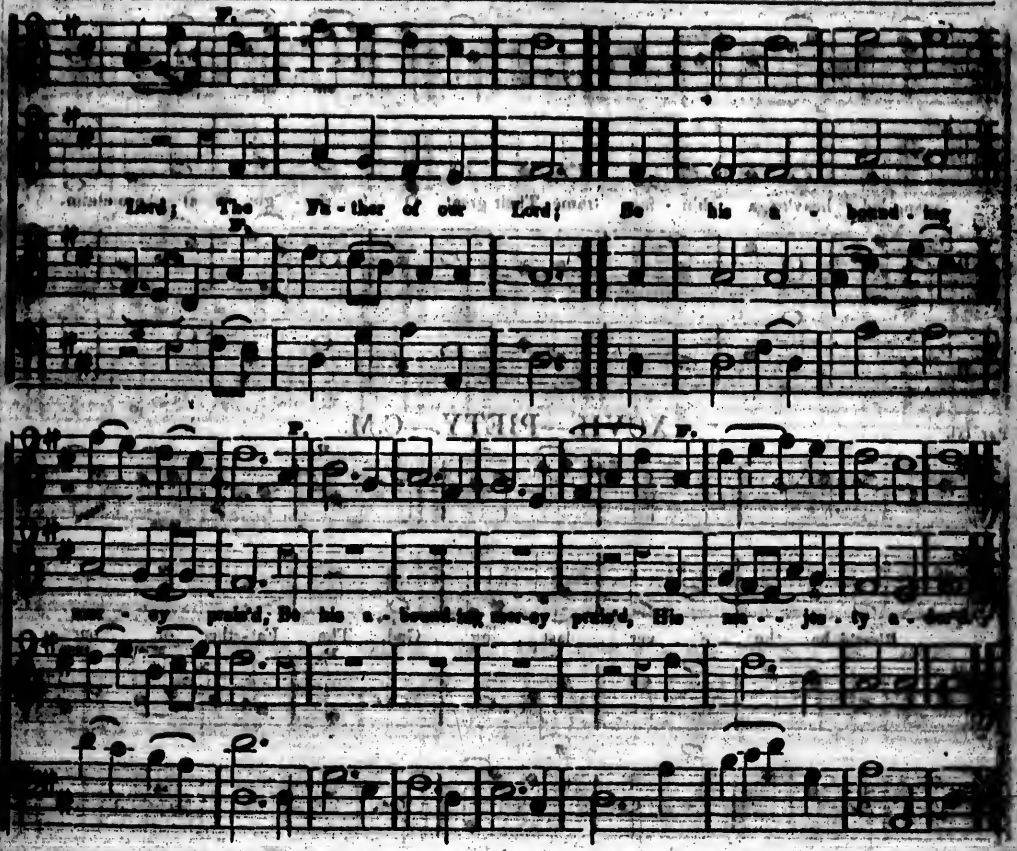
Lord; The Fa - ther of our Lord; Be his a - dored Name
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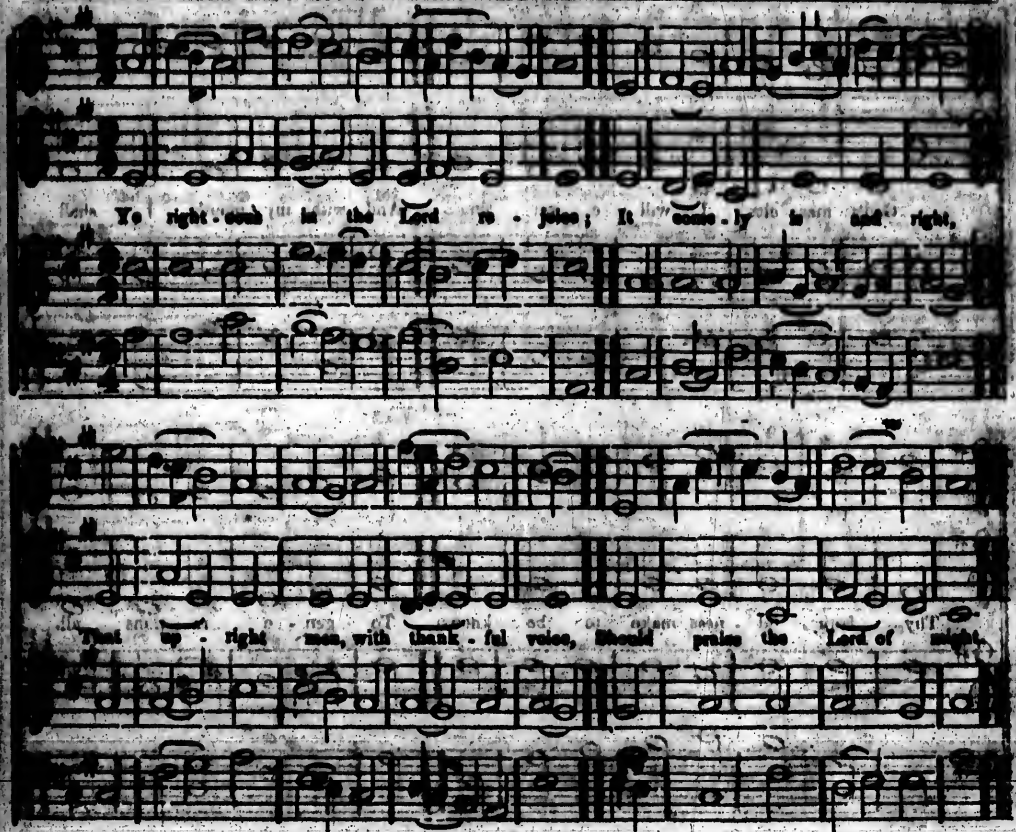
ver - ey praisd, Be his a - dorable Mer-cy praisd, His ma - jes - ty a - dord

XCVIII.—ABINGDON.—C.M.



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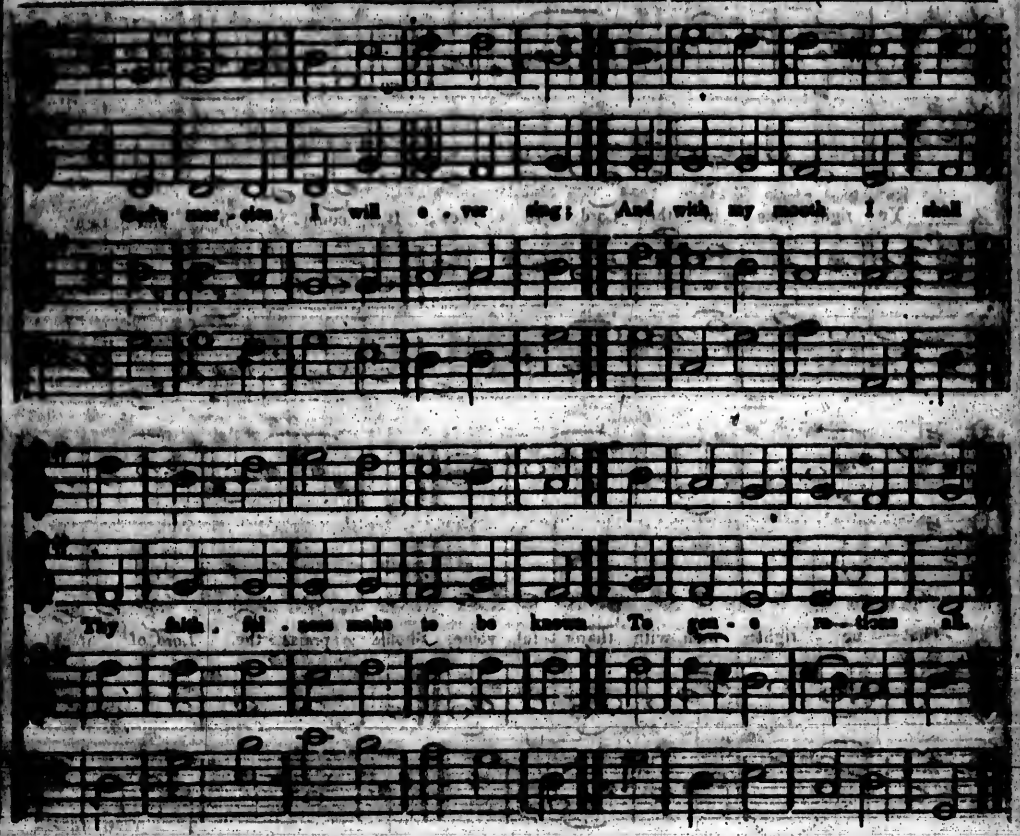

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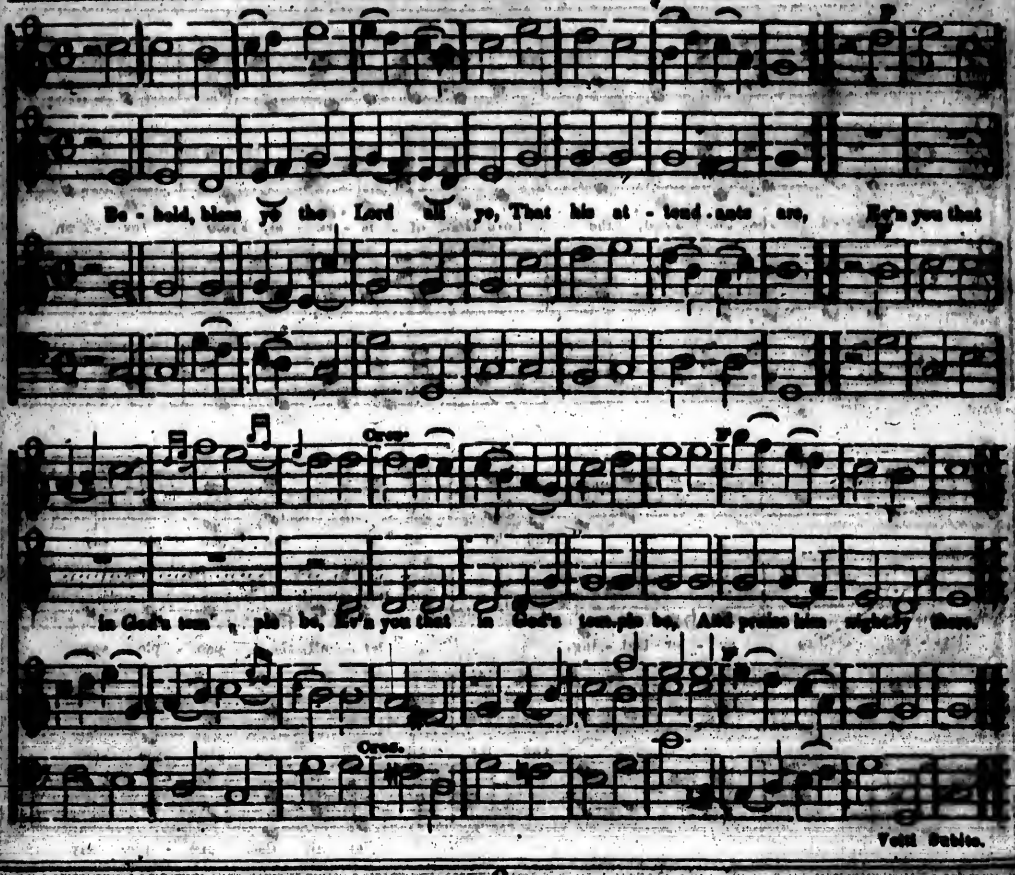

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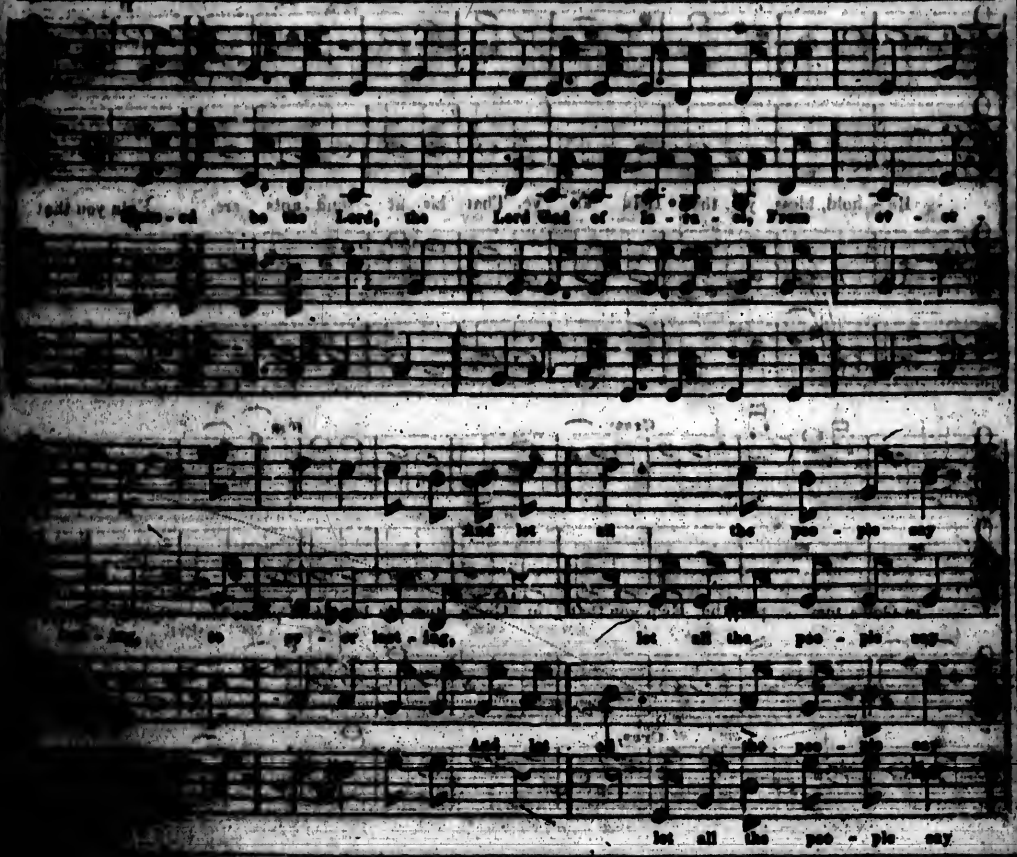
And let all the peo - ple say
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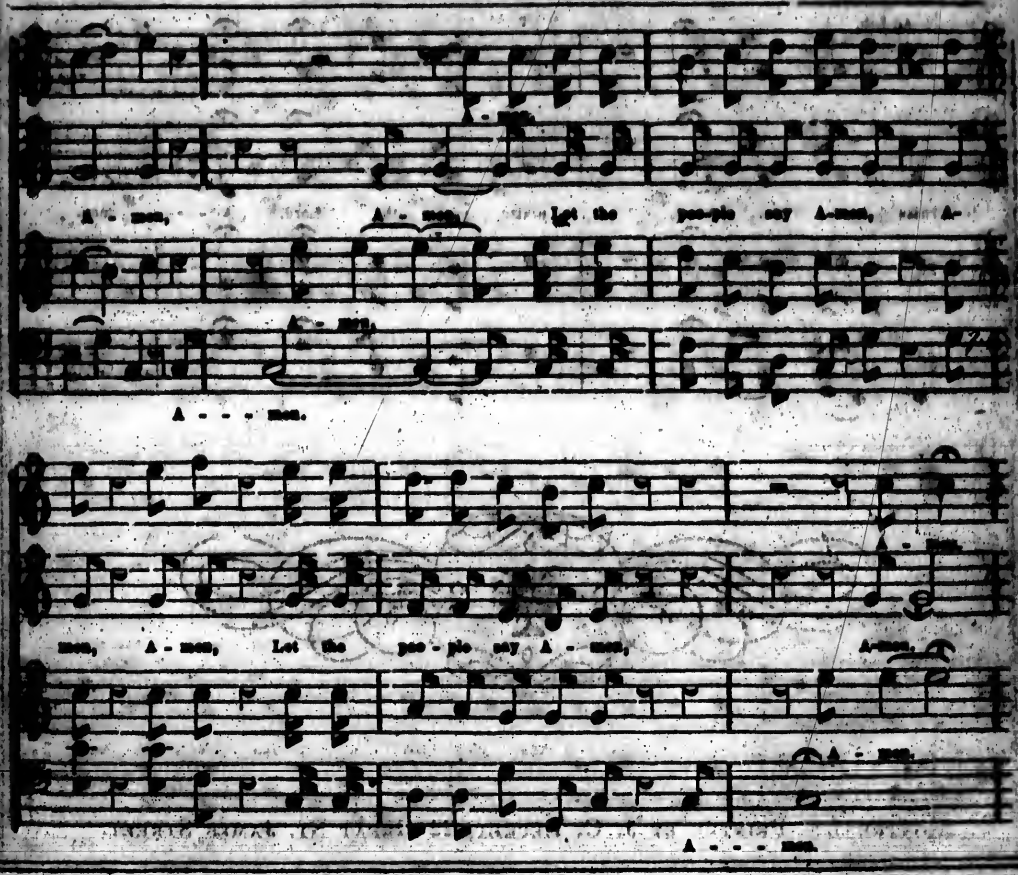

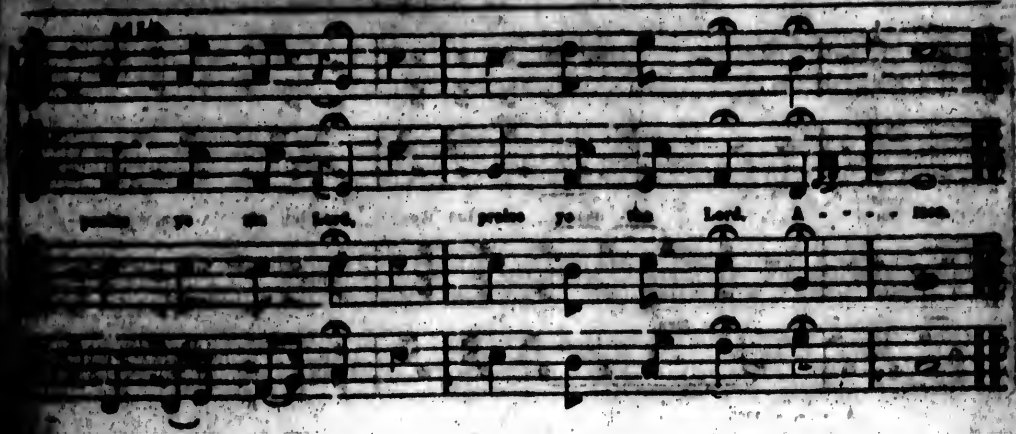

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