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# Hymn Before Action

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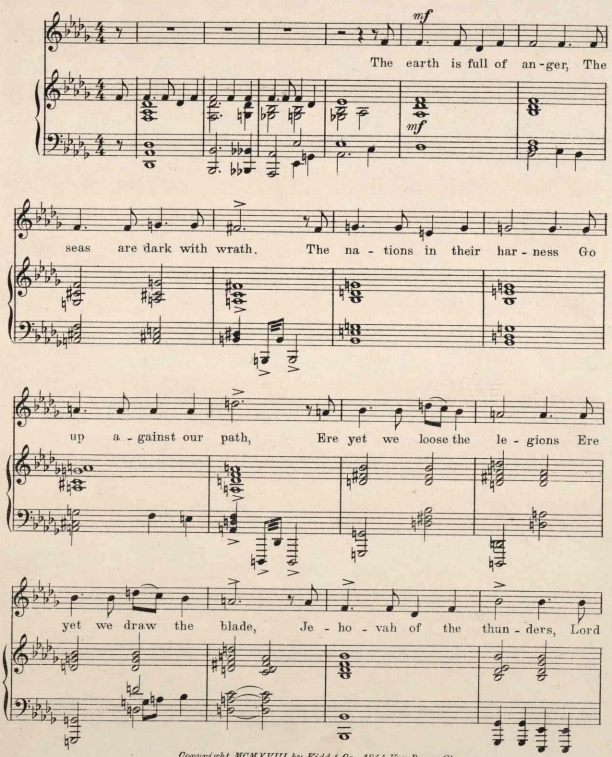


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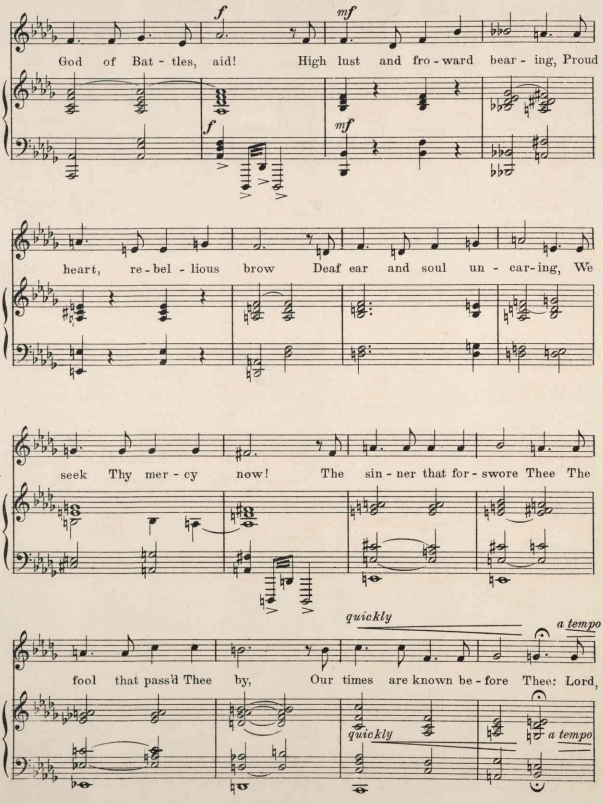
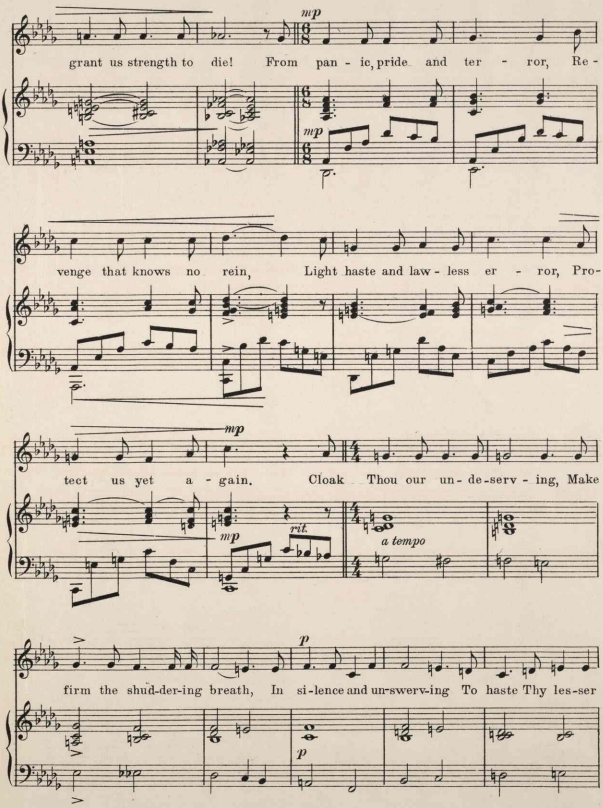
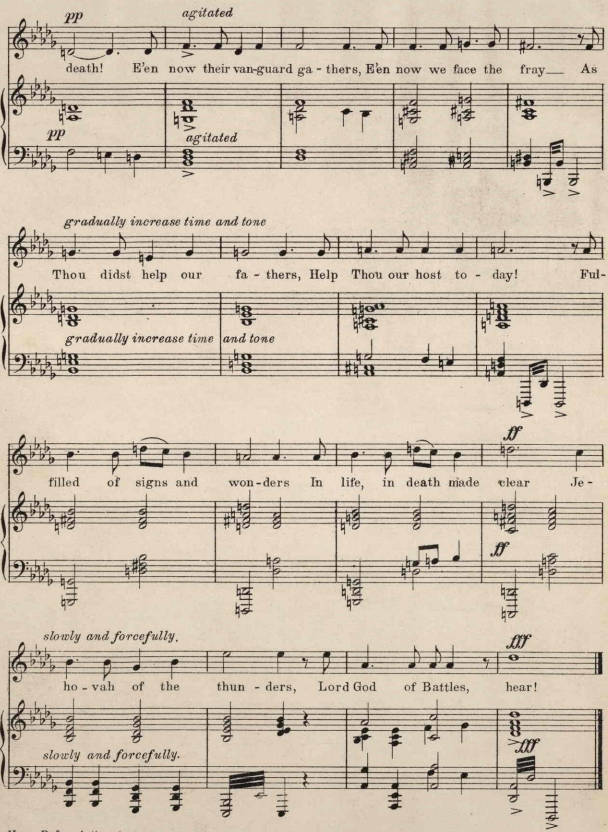

f
mf
God of Bat - tles, aid! High lust and fro - ward bear - ing, Proud
heart, re - bel - lious brow Deaf ear and soul un - car - ing, We
seek Thy mer - cy now! The sin - ner that for - swore Thee The
quickly
a tempo
fool that pass'd Thee by, Our times are known be - fore Thee: Lord,
quickly
a tempo


mp
grant us strength to die! From pan - ic, pride and ter - ror, Re -
mp
p
venge that knows no rein, Light haste and law - less er - ror, Pro -
mp
tect us yet a - gain. Cloak Thou our un - de - serv - ing, Make
mp
rit.
a tempo
p
firm the shud - der - ing breath, In si - lence and un - swerv - ing To haste Thy les - ser
p


pp
agitated
death! E'en now their van-guard ga - thers, E'en now we face the fray— As
pp
agitated
gradually increase time and tone
Thou didst help our fa - thers, Help Thou our host to - day! Ful-
gradually increase time and tone
ff
filled of signs and won - ders In life, in death made clear Je -
ff
slowly and forcefully.
fff
ho - vah of the thun - ders, Lord God of Battles, hear!
slowly and forcefully.
fff



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