

Book of Books, Our People's Strength

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, covering measures 5 through 8. The notation remains consistent in style and key signature.

The third system of musical notation covers measures 9 through 12. It includes a measure rest for the first measure (measure 10) and a change in time signature to 6/4 for the final two measures (measures 11 and 12).

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Statesman's, teacher's, hero's treasure,
Bringing freedom, spreading truth,
Shedding light that none can measure;
Wisdom comes to those who know thee,
All the best we have we owe thee.

Praise we God, who hath inspired
Those whose wisdom still directs us;
Praise Him for the Word made flesh,
For the Spirit which protects us.
Light of Knowledge, ever burning,
Shed on us Thy deathless learning.

Thank we those who toiled in thought,
Many diverse scrolls completing;
Poets, prophets, scholars, saints,
Each his word from God repeating;
Till they came, who told the story
Of the Word, and showed His glory.

Percy Dearmer