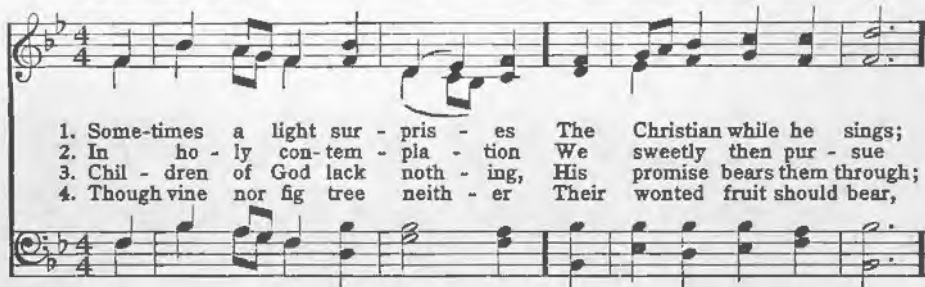


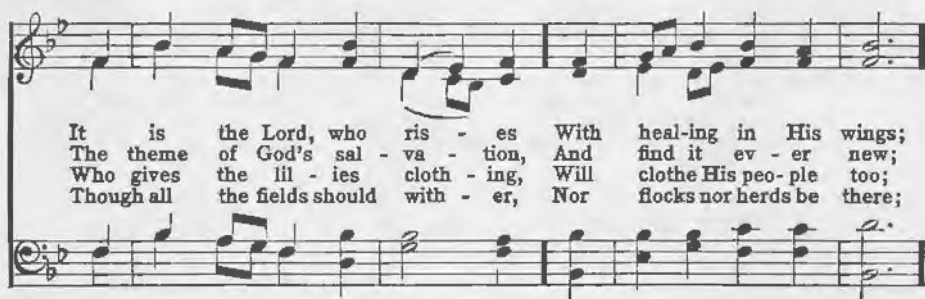
## Sometimes a Light Surprises

Ellacombe, 7.6.7.6.D.

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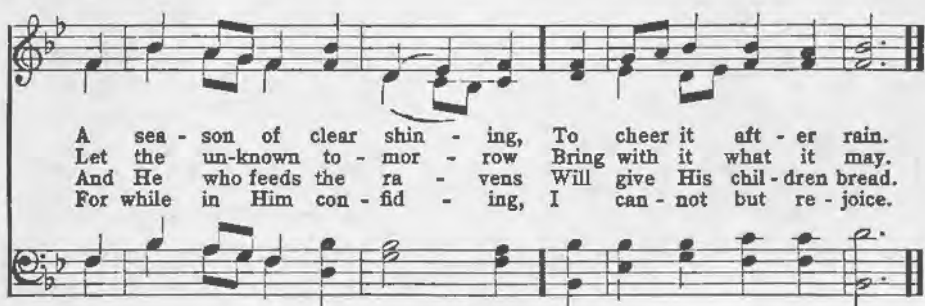
1. Some-times a light sur - pris - es The Christian while he sings;  
 2. In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion We sweetly then pur - sue  
 3. Chil - dren of God lack noth - ing, His promise bears them through;  
 4. Though vine nor fig tree neith - er Their wonted fruit should bear,



It is the Lord, who ris - es With heal - ing in His wings;  
 The theme of God's sal - va - tion, And find it ev - er new;  
 Who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing, Will clothe His peo - ple too;  
 Though all the fields should with - er, Nor flocks nor herds be there;



When comforts are de - clin - ing, He grants the soul a - gain  
 Set free from pres - ent sor - row, We cheer - ful - ly can say,  
 Be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens, No crea - ture but is fed,  
 Yet God the same a - hid - ing, His praise shall tune my voice,



A sea - son of clear shin - ing, To cheer it aft - er rain.  
 Let the un - known to - mor - row Bring with it what it may.  
 And He who feeds the ra - vens Will give His chil - dren bread.  
 For while in Him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.