

1. Once to ev - ery man and na - tion Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,  
 2. Then to side with truth is no - ble When we share her wretch - ed crust,  
 3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Christ, Thy bleed - ing feet we track,  
 4. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, Yet 'tis truth a - lone is strong;

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In the strife of truth with falsehood, For the good or e - vil side;  
 Ere her cause bring fame and prof - it, And 'tis prosper - ous to be just;  
 Toil - ing up new Cal - varies ev - er With the cross that turns to back;  
 Though her por - tion be the scaf - fold, And up - on the throne be wrong;

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Some great cause, God's new Mes - si - ah, Of - fering each the bloom or blight,  
 Then it is the brave man choos - es, While the cow - ard stands a - side,  
 New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties, Time makes an - cient good un - couth;  
 Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, And, be - hind the dim un - known,

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And the choice goes by for - ev - er 'Twixt that dark - ness and the light.  
 Till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue Of the faith they had de - nied.  
 They must up - ward still and on - ward, Who would keep a - breast of truth.  
 Stand - eth God with - in the shad - ow, Keep - ing watch a - bove His own.