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## No. 1.—CHORUS.

God, Thou art great!  
The Heavens are declaring—the sun in his  
brightness,  
The stars in their wandering—Thou art the  
Mighty One!

The earth sounds Thy praises  
In deep roaring billows, in bright beaming  
meadows,  
In all living creatures; Thou art the Mighty  
One.

Worlds in boundless orbits rolling,  
Great is He who formed you first;  
All ye hosts of heavenly bodies,  
Shout your Maker, sound His glory,  
Great is He who formed you first.

## No. 2.—SOLO AND CHORUS.

Thou earth, waft sweet incense o'er thy plains;  
Be an altar, pouring thanks.  
Sound His praise, ye rocky mountains;  
Breathe His glory, whispering breezes:  
He will be, and is, and was.  
God, Thou art great!  
The seraph hail Thee, the worm and dust!  
Thou art our Maker, Thou art the loving one!  
God, Thou art great!  
Thy love is given to men  
Who strive to obey their Maker,  
And seek their Father.

## No. 3.—RECITATIVE.

Be dumb, ye sinners, the world is God's, and  
He is loved.

## No. 4.—DUET.

Children, pray this love to cherish;  
Ye whom God has made His like.  
Ye gentle spirits, the world is all your own—  
The beams of morning, the rays of evening,  
the day, the night,  
They both to you bring peace and bliss.  
Mortals, rejoice! the curse is past,  
Ye now are blessed, and Heaven itself e'en now  
draws near.  
Mortals, rejoice! Earth, be thou now a land  
with love o'erflowing,  
So Heaven remains ever with thee.

## No. 5.—QUARTETT.

Walk ye, walk ye, hundred thousands,  
On the face of earth now dwelling;  
Walk ye on in love and truth.  
Great is God, and vast his goodness,  
But on loving spirits only  
Will His shadow rest.

## No. 6.—CHORUS.

God, Thou art great! so say the Heavens;  
The earth proclaims it;  
So sing bright seraphim, and souls of all men,  
God, Thou art great!  
Thou art the Mighty One!  
The loving one for evermore. Amen.

No. 1.

CHORUS.—“GOD, THOU ART GREAT.”

*Allegro moderato.* *p*

TREBLE. *f* God, Thou art great! *p* The

ALTO. *f* God, Thou art great! *p* The

TENOR (Sra. lower). *f* God, Thou art great! *p* The

BASS. *f* God, Thou art great! *p* The

PIANO. *f* *Allegro moderato.* *f* *pp*

♩. = 69.

Heav'ns are de - clar - ing, the sun in his bright - ness, the

Heav'ns are de - clar - ing, the sun in his bright - ness, the

Heav'ns are de - clar - ing, the sun ... in his bright - ness, the

Heav'ns are de - clar - ing, the sun ... in his bright - ness, the

*cres.* stars in their wan - d'ring, Thou art the migh - ty one!

*cres.* stars in their wan - d'ring, Thou art .. the migh - ty one!

*cres.* stars .. in their wan - d'ring, Thou art .. the migh - ty one!

*cres.* stars .. in their wan - d'ring, Thou art the migh - ty one!

*cres.* *f*

Thou, Thou art the mighty one. God, Thou art great! The

Thou, Thou art the mighty one. God, Thou art great! The

Thou, Thou art the mighty one. God, Thou art great! The

Thou, Thou art the mighty one. God, Thou art great! The

*dim.* *p* *f* *pp*

earth sounds Thy praises in deep roaring billows, in bright beaming meadows, in

earth sounds Thy praises in deep roaring billows, in bright beaming meadows, in

earth sounds Thy praises in deep roaring billows, in bright beaming meadows, in

earth sounds Thy praises in deep roaring billows, in bright beaming meadows, in

*cres.*

all living creatures. Thou, Thou art the mighty one,

all living creatures. Thou, Thou art the mighty one,

all living creatures. Thou, Thou art the mighty one,

all living creatures. Thou, Thou art the mighty one,

*f* *pp* *f*

Thou art the mighty one. Worlds in boundless orbits rolling,  
 Thou, Thou art the mighty one. Worlds in boundless orbits rolling,  
 Thou art, Thou art the mighty one. Worlds in boundless orbits rolling,  
 Thou art the mighty one. Worlds in boundless orbits rolling,

great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you first;  
 great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you first;  
 great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you first;  
 great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you first;

All ye hosts of heav'nly bodies, shout your Maker, sound His glory,  
 All ye hosts of heav'nly bodies, shout your Maker, sound His glory,  
 All ye hosts of heav'nly bodies, shout your Maker, sound His glory,  
 Heav'nly bodies, shout your Maker, sound His glory,

great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you  
 great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you  
 great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you  
 great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you

first. The earth sounds Thy praises in deep rolling billows, in bright blooming  
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 first. The earth sounds Thy praises in deep rolling billows, in bright blooming

mea-dows, in all liv-ing crea-tures; Thou art the migh-ty one, the  
 mea-dows, in all liv-ing crea-tures; Thou art the migh-ty one, the  
 mea-dows, in all liv-ing crea-tures; Thou art the migh-ty one, the  
 mea-dows, in all liv-ing crea-tures; Thou art the migh-ty one, the

migh-ty one, the migh - - ty one, Shout your Ma-ker, sound His glo - ry,  
 migh-ty one, Thou art the migh-ty one, Shout your Ma-ker, sound His glo - ry,  
 migh-ty one, the migh - - ty one, Shout your Ma-ker, sound His glo - ry,  
 migh-ty one, the migh - - ty one, Shout your Ma-ker, sound His glo - ry,

great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you  
 great is He, He... who form'd you  
 great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you  
 great is He who form'd you first, great is He who form'd you

first. Stars of heaven, shout your Maker, sound His glo - - ry.  
 first. Stars of heaven, shout your Maker, sound His glo - - ry.  
 first. Stars of heaven, shout your Maker, sound His glo - - ry.  
 first. Stars of heaven, shout your Maker, sound His glo - - ry.



No. 2. SOLO AND CHORUS.—“THOU EARTH, WAFT SWEET INCENSE.”

VOICE.

*Larghetto con moto.*

PIANO.

*Larghetto con moto.*

*p*

♩ = 69.

TREBLE SOLO.

Thou . . . earth, waft . . . sweet in - cense o'er . . . thy plains ;

be . . . an al - tar, pour - - ing thanks; sound . . . His praise, ye

*cres.*

*cres.*

rock - - y mountains; breathe . . . His glo - ry, whis - - p'ring breez - es :

*f* *dim.* *mf* *p*

*f* *dim.* *p* *pp*

He will be, and is, and was, . . . He will be, and

*f* *mf*

is, and was. Breathe . . His glo - ry, whis - p'ring breez - es;

CHORUS.  
TREBLE. *pp*

ALTO. *pp*

TENOR (Sve.lower). *pp*

BASS. *pp*

God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and  
 God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and  
 God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and  
 God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and

The first system of the musical score features a vocal line starting with a fermata and the lyrics 'is, and was. Breathe . . His glo - ry, whis - p'ring breez - es;'. Below this are four vocal staves for the Chorus, labeled TREBLE, ALTO, TENOR (Sve.lower), and BASS, each with a *pp* dynamic marking. The lyrics for the chorus are 'God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and'. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

sound His praise, ye rock - y moun-tains; He . . . will be, and  
 dust!  
 dust!  
 dust!  
 dust!

*cres.* *f*

*cres.* *f*

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line with the lyrics 'sound His praise, ye rock - y moun-tains; He . . . will be, and dust!'. The four vocal staves (TREBLE, ALTO, TENOR, BASS) all have the word 'dust!' written below them. The piano accompaniment continues with two staves, featuring a crescendo (*cres.*) and a fortissimo (*f*) dynamic marking. The right hand plays a complex rhythmic pattern, while the left hand provides harmonic support.

is, and was.

*f* Thou art our Ma - ker! Thou art the lov - ing one! *dim.*

*f* Thou art our Ma - ker, Thou art the lov - ing one! *dim.*

*f* Thou art our Ma - ker! Thou art the lov - ing one! *dim.*

*f* Thou art our Ma - ker! Thou art the lov - ing one! *dim.*

*f* Thou art our Ma - ker! Thou art the lov - ing one! *dim.*

God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and

*p* God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and *pp*

*p* God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and *pp*

*p* God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and *pp*

*p* God, Thou art great! The Se-raph hail Thee, the worm and *pp*

*cres.* **B** *dim.*

Thou . . . . . earth,

*cres.* *pp*

dust! . . . God, Thou art great! . . . Thy love is giv-en to

*cres.* *pp*

dust! . . . God, Thou art great! . . . Thy love is giv-en to

*cres.* *pp*

dust! . . . God, Thou art great! . . . Thy love is giv-en to

*cres.* *pp*

dust! . . . God, Thou art great! . . . Thy love is giv-en to

*cres.* *p*

waft . . . sweet in - cense o'er . . . thy plains; be . . an al - tar

men who strive to o - bey their Ma - ker,

men who strive to o - bey their Ma - ker,

men who strive to o - bey their Ma - ker,

men who strive to o - bey their Ma - ker,

*cres* - - - *cen* - - - *do.*

pour - ing thanks: Sound . . . His praise, ye rock - y mountains;  
 and seek their Fa - ther.  
 and seek their Fa - ther.  
 and seek their Fa - ther.  
 and seek their Fa - ther.

*mf* Breathe . His glo - ry, *p* whis - p'ring breez - es, *f* He will be, and  
*pp* Thou art the lov - ing one!  
*pp* Thou art the lov - ing one!  
*pp* Thou art the lov - ing one!  
*pp* Thou art the lov - ing one!

is, and was. Breathe . . His glo - ry, ye whis - p'ring breez - es,  
 and seek their Fa - - ther. Thou art the lov - ing one!  
 and seek their Fa - - ther. Thou art the lov - ing one!  
 and seek their Fa - - ther. Thou art the lov - ing one!  
 and seek their Fa - - ther. Thou art the lov - ing one!

He . . . will be, and is, and was, He . . . will  
 and seek their Fa - ther. Thou art the loving one, Thou art the lov - ing one!  
 and seek their Fa - ther. Thou art the loving one, Thou art the lov - ing one!  
 and seek their Fa - ther. Thou art the loving one, Thou art the lov - ing one!  
 and seek their Fa - ther. Thou art the loving one, Thou art the lov - ing one! the

be, He will be, and is, and was. . . . . *dim.*

*p* God, Thou art great! God, Thou art great! . . *dim.*

*p* God, Thou art great! God, Thou art great! . . *dim.*

*p* God, Thou art great! God, Thou art great! . . *dim.*

lov - - - ing one! God, Thou art great! . .

*p* *morendo.*

No. 3.

RECIT.—“BE DUMB, YE SINNERS.”

*Andante Grave.*

VOICE. Be dumb, ye sin-ners,

*Andante Grave.*

PIANO. *p* *f* *fp* *f*

$\text{♩} = 63.$

the world is God's, . and He is lo-ved.

*p*

PIANO.  $\text{♩} = 80.$  *Allegretto.*

*p* *cres.*

*p* *pp* *cres.* *dim.*

ALTO. *p*

Chil - dren, pray . . this love . . to che - rish, ye whom God . . has

TENOR (Sve. lower.) *p*

Chil - dren, pray . . this love . . to che - rish, ye . . whom God . . has

made . . His like. Ye gen - tle spi - rits, the

made . . His like. Ye gen - - tle spi - rits, the

world . is all your own.

world . is all your own.

*cres.* *dim.*



The beams of morn-ing,

The beams of morn-ing, the rays of

*p* *sf*

the rays of ev'-ning, the day, the

ev'-ning, the day, the night,

*sf*

night, they both to you . . bring peace and bliss.

they both . . to you . . bring peace and bliss.

*f* *cres.* *cres.*

Mor-tals, re - joice! the curse is

*dim.* *mf*

pass'd, ye now are bless-ed, and Heav'n it - self . . e'en now draws

*dim.* *p*

near.  
*f* Mor-tals, re - joice! re - joice! Earth be thou now a land . . with

*mf* *dim.*

*f* Mor-tals, re -  
love o'er - flow-ing, so Hear'n re - mains e - - ver with thee.

*pp* *cres.* *mf*

- joice, the curse is pass'd, be now a land with love o'er -  
Mor-tals, joy on earth, be now a land with love o'er -

*p* *dim.*

*cres.* *dim.*  
 - flow - ing, so Heav'n re - mains . . e - - ver with thee.  
*cres.* *dim.*  
 - flow - ing, so Heav'n re - mains . . e - - ver with thee.

*f* *p* *f* *p* *cres.* *ritard.* *f* *dim.*  
 Mor - tals, re - joice! mor - tals, re - joice! be fill'd with joy. . .  
*f* *p* *f* *p* *cres.* *ritard.* *f* *dim.*  
 Mor - tals, re - joice! mor - tals, re - joice! be fill'd with joy. . .

*a tempo.* *p*  
 Chil - dren, pray . . this love . . to che - rish, ye whom God . . hath  
*a tempo.* *p*  
 Chil - dren, pray . . this love . . to che - rish, ye . . whom God . . hath

made . . His like. Ye gen - tle spi - rits, the  
 made . . His like. Ye gen - tle spi - rits, the

world is all your own.

world is all your own.

*cres.* *dim.*

*p* The beams of morning,

The beams of morn-ing, the rays of

*p* *sf*

the rays of ev'-ning, the day, the

ev'-ning, the day, the night,

*sf*

night, they both to you... bring peace.. and bliss, they

they both.. to you... bring peace.. and bliss, they

*cres.* *mf* *cres.*

both to you bring peace.. and bliss. *p* the

both... to you... bring peace.. and bliss. *p* The day, the

night, the day, they both to you bring peace and

night, the night, the day, they both to you bring peace and

*f* *p*

*p* bliss, they both to you bring peace and bliss,

*p* bliss, they both to you bring peace and bliss,

*pp* bring peace and bliss.

*pp* bring peace and bliss.

*pp* *morendo.*

*Andante.*

TREBLE.

ALTO. SOLO. *p* *cres.*  
Walk ye, walk ye, hun - - dred

TENOR (Sra. lower).

BASS. SOLO. *p* *cres.*  
Walk ye, walk ye, hun - - dred

PIANO. *Andante.*  
*p* *cres.*  
♩ = 69.

*f* *dim.* *p*  
thousands on the face of earth now dwell-ing, Walk ye

*f* *dim.*  
thousands on the face of earth now dwell-ing, Walk ye

*f* *dim.* *p*

SOLO. *p*  
Walk ye,

*cres.* *f* *dim.* *p*  
on in love and truth. SOLO. *p*  
Walk ye,

*cres.* *f* *dim.* *p*  
on in love and truth.

*cres.* *f* *dim.* *p*

walk ye, hun - - dred thou - sands on the face of

walk ye, hun - - dred thou - sands on the face of

*cres.* *f*

*cres.* *f*

*cres.* *f*

earth now dwell - ing, Walk ye on in love and

earth now dwell - ing, Walk ye on in love and

*dim.* *p*

*dim.* *p*

*dim.* *p*

A *f* *dim.* *p*

truth. Great is God, and vast His good - ness, But on

Great is God, and vast His good - ness, But on

truth. Great is God, and vast His good - ness, But on

Great is God, and vast His good - ness, But on

*f* *dim.* *p*

*f* *dim.* *p*

*f* *dim.* *p*

*f* *dim.* *p*

*f* *dim.* *p*

*f* *dim.* *p*

*f* *dim.* *p*

lov-ing spi-rits on-ly, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow

lov-ing spi-rits on-ly, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow

lov-ing spi-rits on-ly, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow

lov-ing spi-rits on-ly, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow

rest, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow rest.

rest, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow rest.

rest, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow rest.

rest, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow rest.

on the

Walk ye, walk ye, hun-dred thou-sands

on the

Walk ye, walk ye, hun-dred thou-sands



face of earth now dwelling, *dim.*

Walk ye on in *p*

face of earth now dwelling, *dim.*

Walk ye on in *p*

Walk ye on in love and truth, *f*

love and truth, *cres.* Walk ye *f*

Walk ye on in love and truth, *f*

love and truth, *cres.* Walk ye *f*

in love and truth, *dim.* and truth. *p*

on in love and truth, *dim.* in love *p*

in love and truth, *dim.* and truth. *p*

on in love and truth, *dim.* in love *p*

Great is God, and vast His good-ness, but on  
 Great is God, and vast His good-ness, but on  
 Great is God, and vast His good-ness, but on  
 Great is God, and vast His good-ness, but on

lov-ing spi-rits on-ly, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow  
 lov-ing spi-rits on-ly, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow  
 lov-ing spi-rits on-ly, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow  
 lov-ing spi-rits on-ly, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow

rest, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow rest.  
 rest, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow rest.  
 rest, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow rest.  
 rest, but on lov-ing spi-rits on-ly will His sha-dow rest.

*p* Walk ye on in love and truth, . . .  
*p* Walk ye on in love and truth, in love and  
*p* Walk ye on in love and truth, . . .  
 Walk ye on in love and truth, in love and

in love and truth. . .  
 truth. . .  
 in love and truth. . .  
 truth. . .

*morendo.* *pp* *cres.*

*dim.* *pp* *cres.* *mf* *dim.* *p*

CHORUS.—"GOD, THOU ART GREAT."

*Allegro.* CHORUS. *p*

TRIBLE. God, Thou art great! so say the hea-vens; the earth pro-claims it; so

ALTO. CHORUS. God, Thou art great! so say the hea-vens; the earth pro-claims it; so *p*

TENOR (Sra. lower). CHORUS. God, Thou art great! so say the hea-vens; the earth pro-claims it; so *p*

BASS. CHORUS. God, Thou art great! so say the hea-vens; the earth pro-claims it; so *p*

PIANO *f* *p*  
♩ = 92.

sing bright se - ra - phim, and souls of all men. God, Thou art

sing bright se - ra - phim, and souls of all . . . . men. God, Thou art

sing bright se - ra - phim, and souls of all . . . . men. God, Thou art

sing bright se - ra - phim, and souls of all men. God, Thou art

SOLO. *cres.* *f* CHORUS. *cres.* *f* SOLO. *dim.*

great! God, Thou art great! God, Thou art great! Thou . . . art

SOLO. *cres.* CHORUS. *cres.* SOLO. *dim.*

great! God, Thou art great! God, Thou art great! God, Thou art

SOLO. *cres.* CHORUS. *cres.* SOLO. *dim.*

great! God, Thou art great! God, Thou art great! God, Thou art

SOLO. *cres.* CHORUS. *cres.* SOLO. *dim.*

great! God, Thou art great! God, Thou art great! God, Thou art

*cres.* *f* *p* *cres.* *f* *dim.*

great!

great!

great! CHORUS. Thou art the migh - ty one, the

great! Thou art the migh - ty one, the lov - ing one, for e - - - - - vermore, A -

CHORUS. Thou art the

CHORUS. Thou art the migh - ty one, the lov - ing one, for e - - -

lov - ing one, for e - - - - - vermore, A - - men, A - men,

- - - men, A - men, A - men, A - - - men,

migh - ty one, the lov - ing one, for e - - - - - ver - more, A - - men, A -

- - - vermore, A - - - men, A - - - men, for e - ver - more.

A - men, A - - - men, for e - vermore, for e - vermore.

Thou art the migh - ty one, the lov - ing one, for

men, A - - men, A - - men. Thou art the  
 Thou art the migh - ty  
 Thou art the migh - ty one, the lov - ing one, for e - ver - more, A - -  
 e - - ver-more, A - - men, A - men, for e - ver -

migh - ty one, Thou art the lov - ing one, for e - ver - more.  
 one, the lov - - - ing one, A - - men, for e - ver - more, A - -  
 men, . . . A - - men, for e - ver - more, for e - ver -  
 - more, for e - ver - more, A - men. for e - ver - more, for e - ver -

Thou art the migh - ty one, for  
 men. Thou art the migh - ty one, the lov - ing one, A -  
 - more, for e - ver - more. Thou art the migh - ty one, the lov - ing one, for e - -  
 - more, for e - ver - more, for e - - ver - more, for e - ver - more,

e - ver - more, for e - - - ver - more. Thou art the  
 - - men. The lov - ing one, for e - - - ver - more, the lov - -  
 - ver - more, the lov - ing one, for e - - - ver - more. Thou art the  
 for e - ver - more, for e - - - ver - more.

lov - ing one, for e - ver, A - - men. Thou . .  
 - - - ing one, for e - ver - more. Thou art the  
 migh - - ty one, the lov - ing one. Thou . . . art the migh - ty  
 Thou art the migh - ty one, the

. . . art the migh - ty one, the lov - ing one, for e - ver - more,  
 migh - - - ty one, the lov - ing one, the lov - ing one, for e - ver -  
 one, the lov - ing one, for e - ver - more, for e - ver - more, for e - -  
 lov - - ing one, for e - - ver -

Thou art the might - ty one, the lov - - ing one, for e - ver -  
 more, A - - - men, A - - - - men. Thou art the  
 - ver, A - - men, A - - - - men. Thou art the  
 - more, for e - ver - more, A - men, A - - - - men.

*dim.*  
 - more. . . A - men, for e - ver - more, . . . A - - men, A - - -  
 might - ty one, Thou art the lov - - ing one, the might - ty  
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*dim.*

*mo* - - - - *rendo.* *ritardando.* *dim.*  
 - men, A - - - - men, A - - - - men.  
*mo* - - - - *rendo.* *ritardando.*  
 one, the lov - ing one, for e - ver - more, A - - - - men.  
*mo* - - - - *rendo.* *ritardando.*  
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*rendo.* *ritardando.* *dim.*