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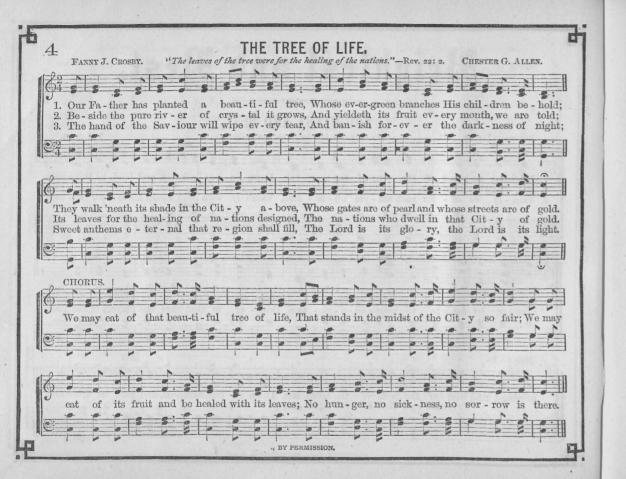


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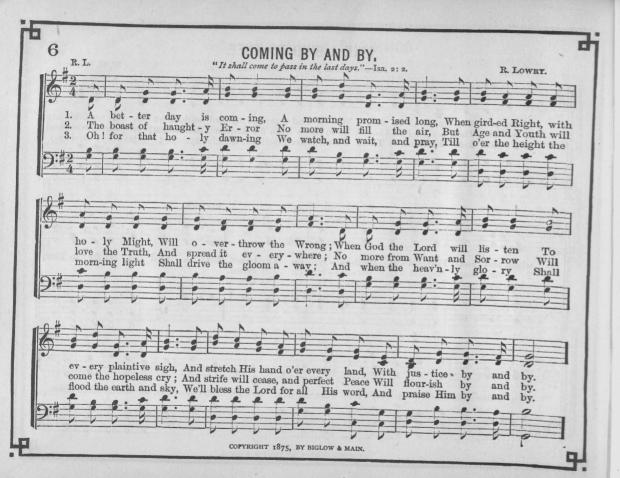


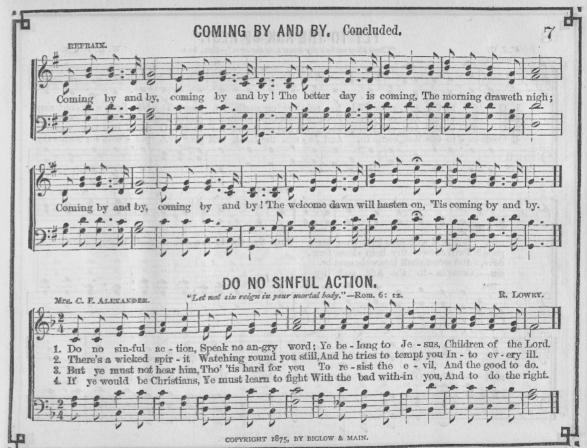
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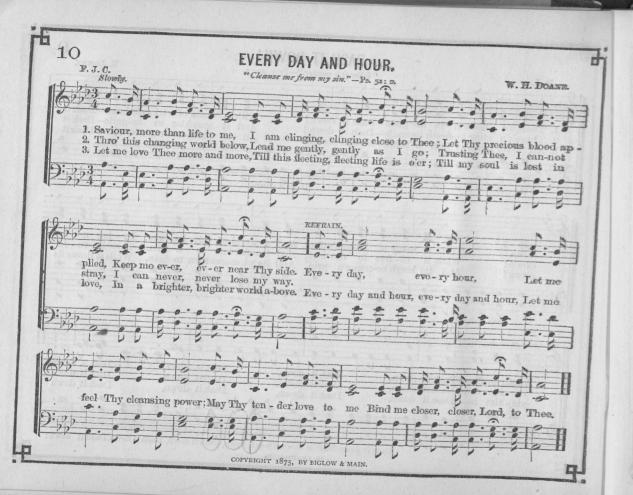






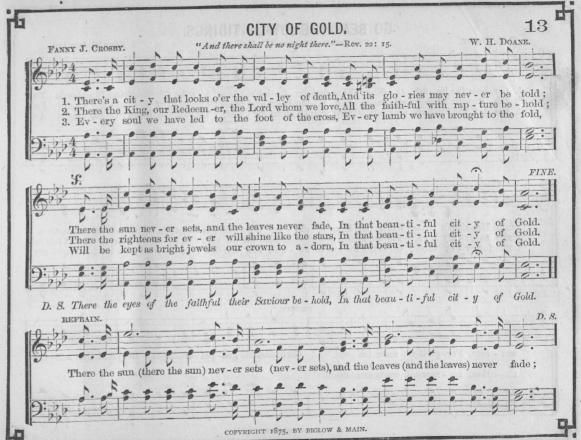




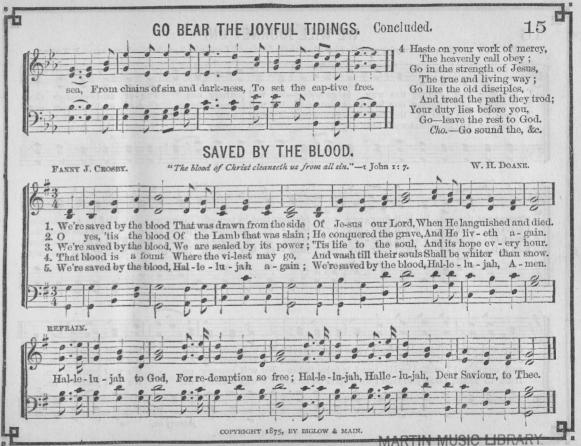




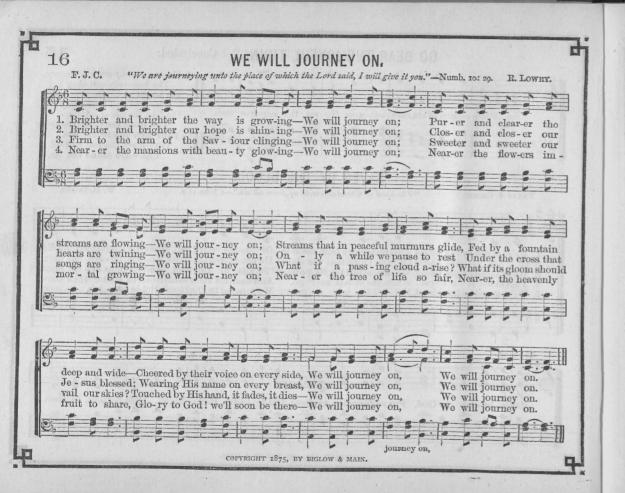


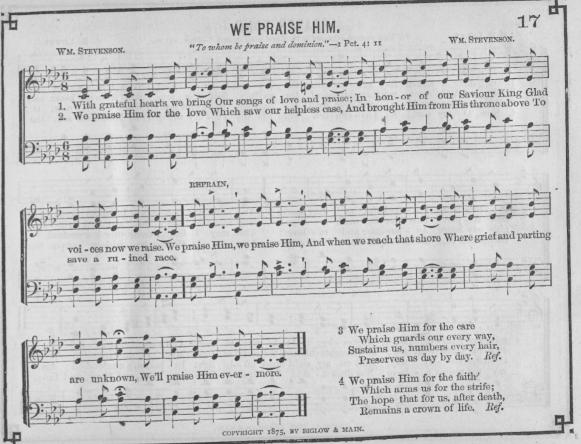




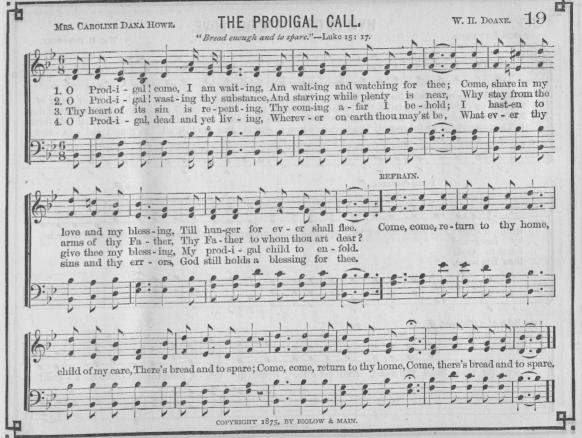


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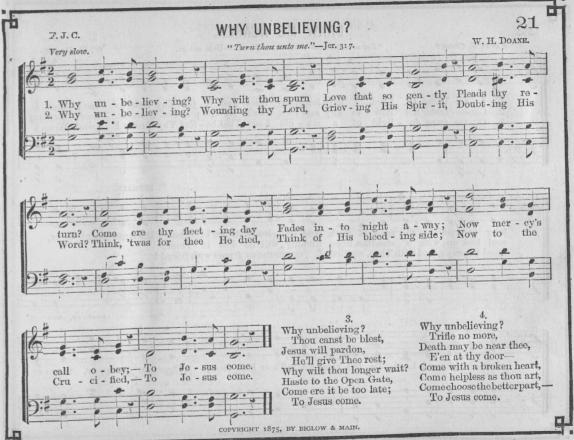






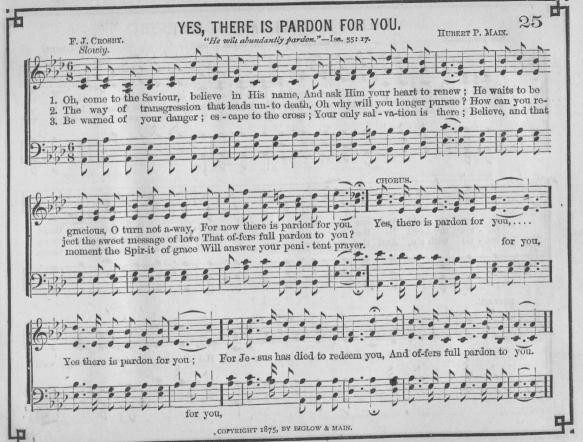












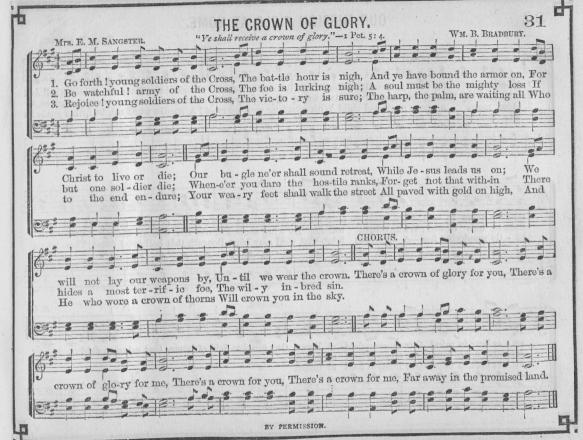




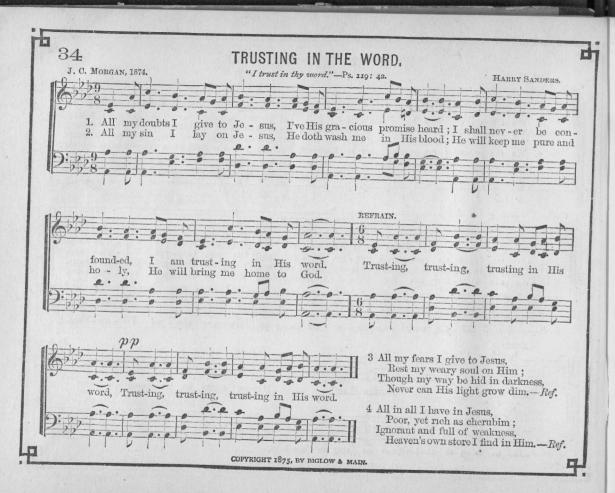


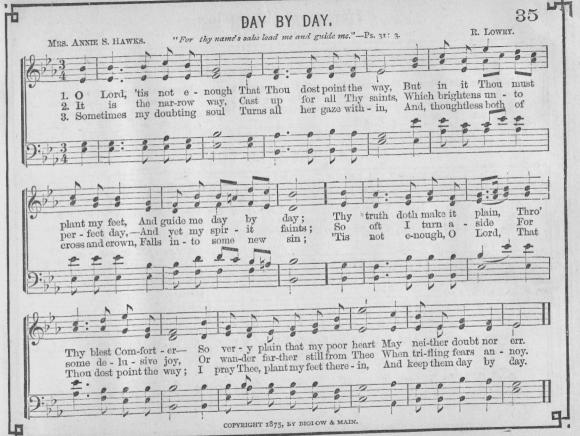


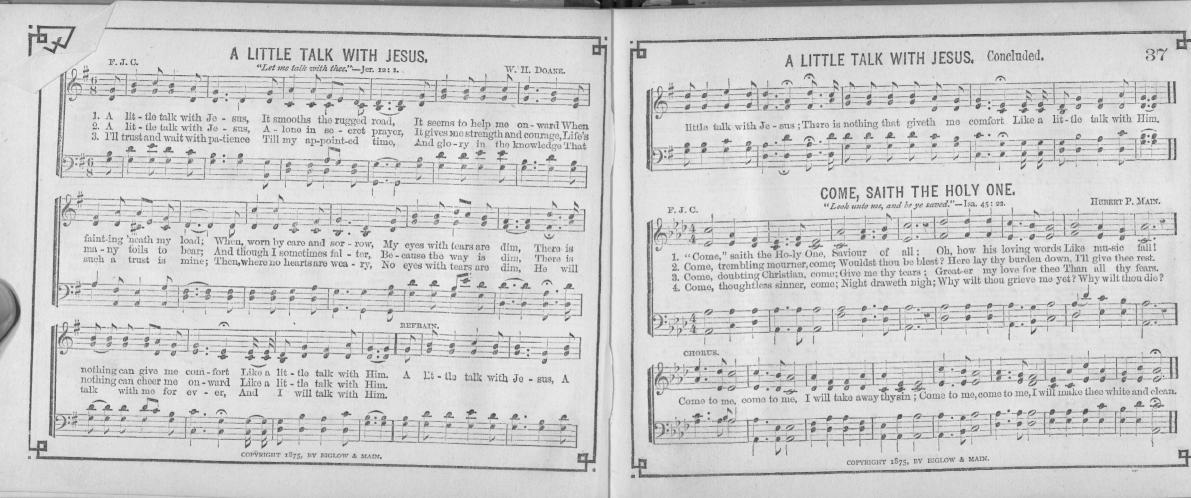


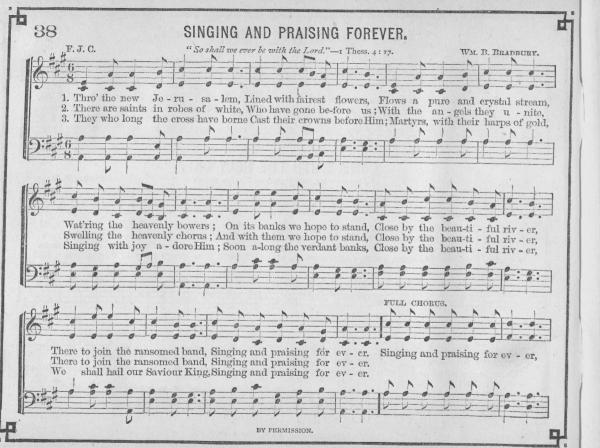






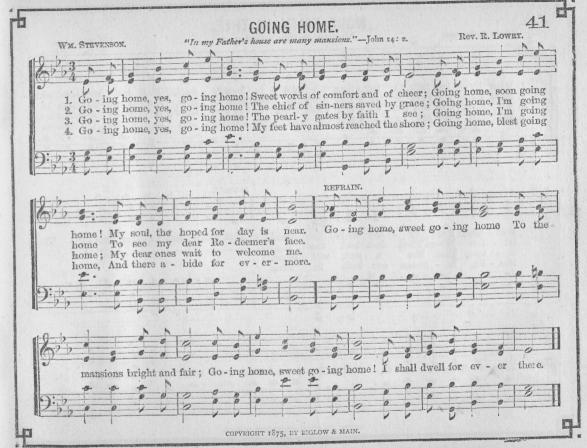




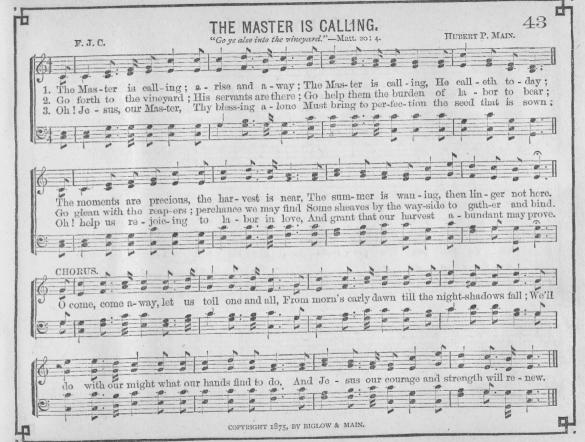




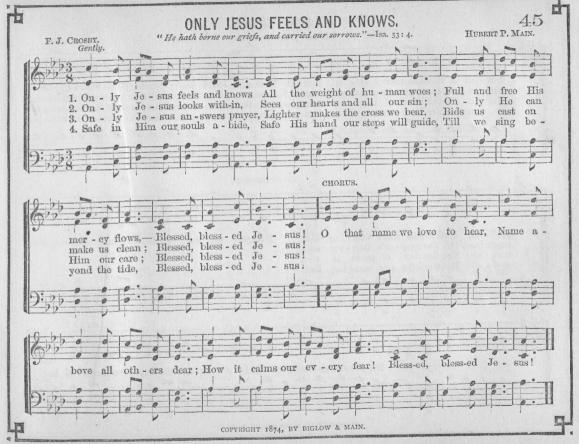








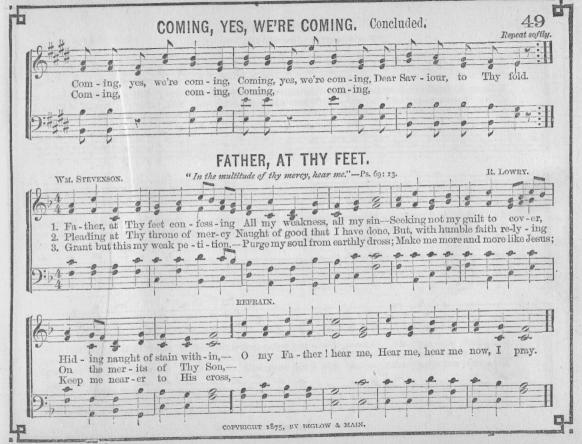






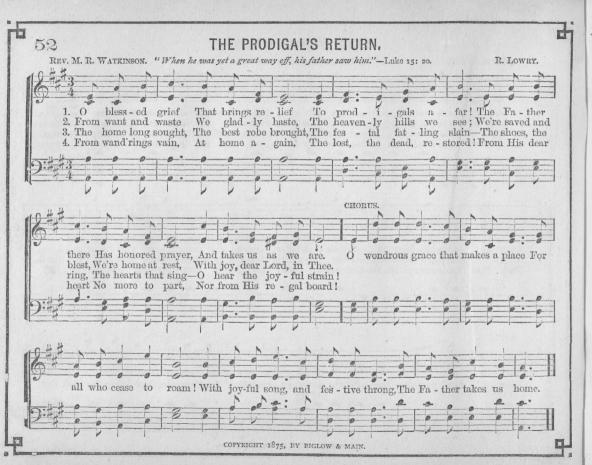










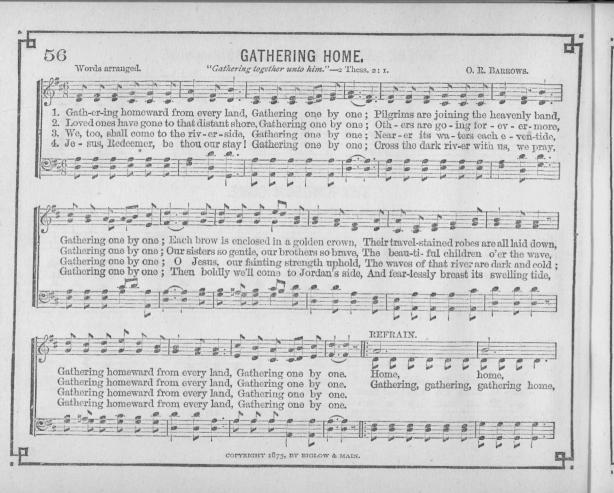


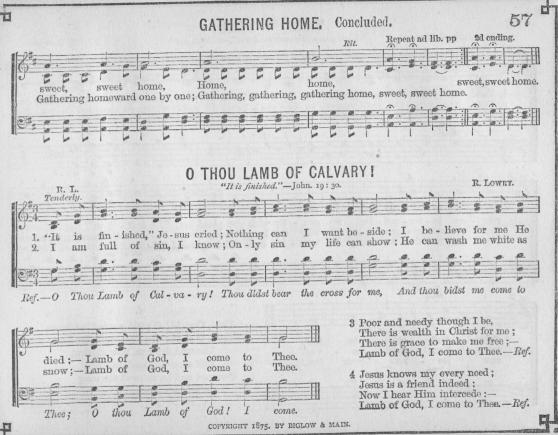


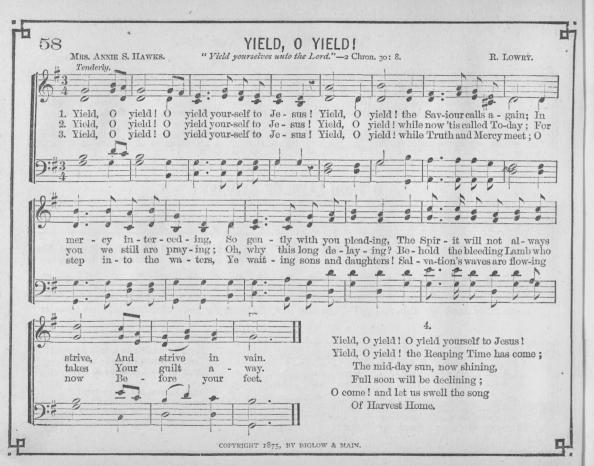


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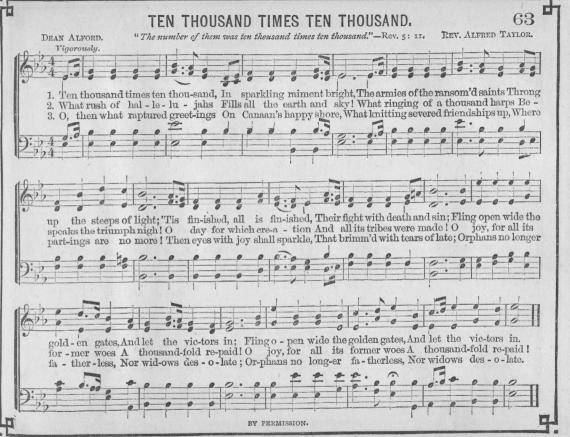








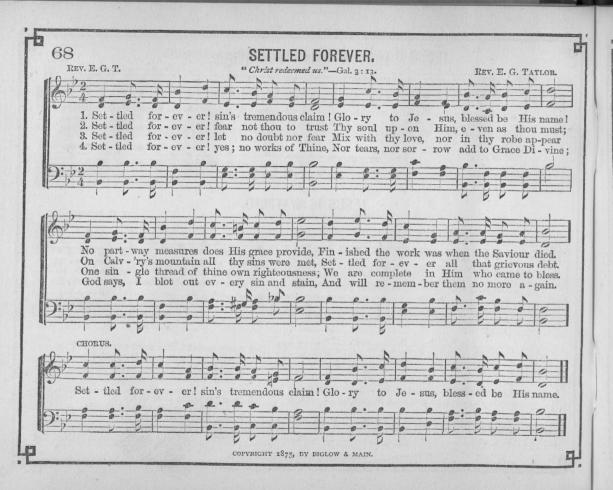


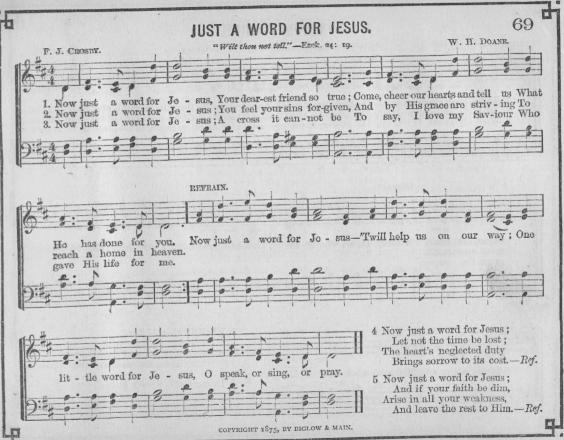


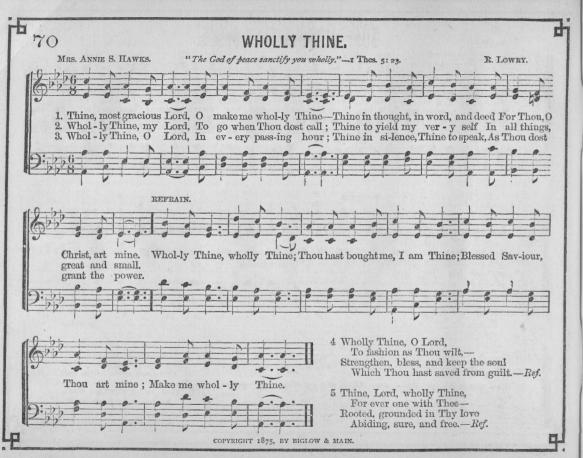


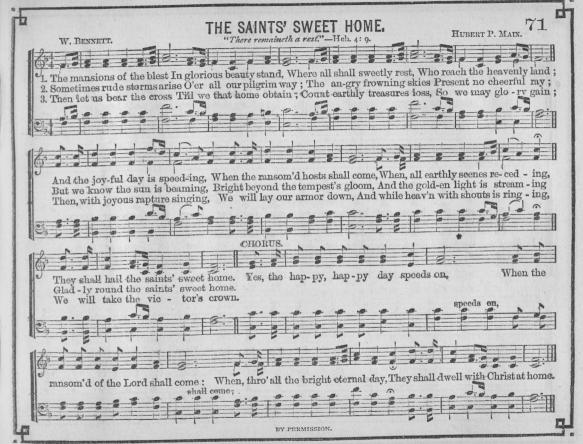


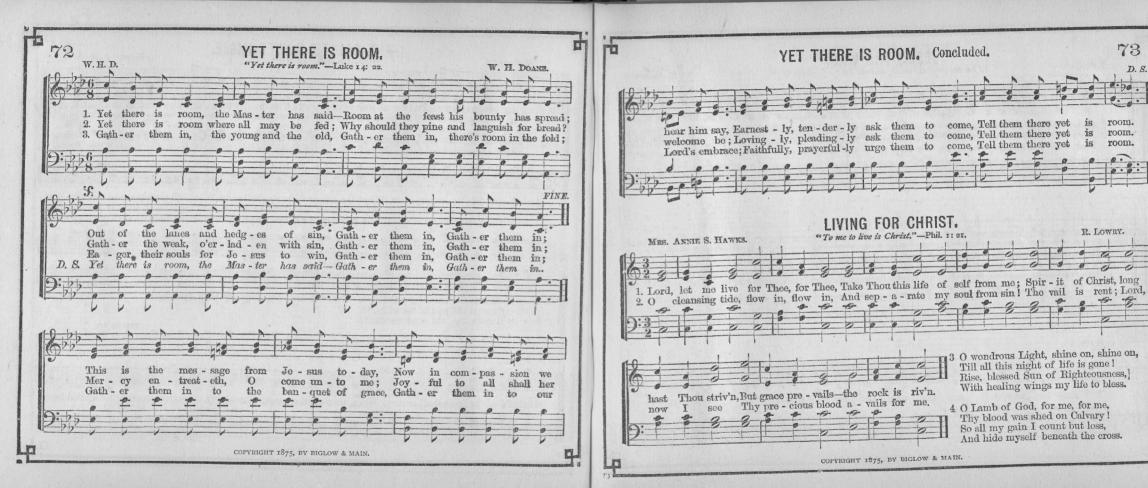










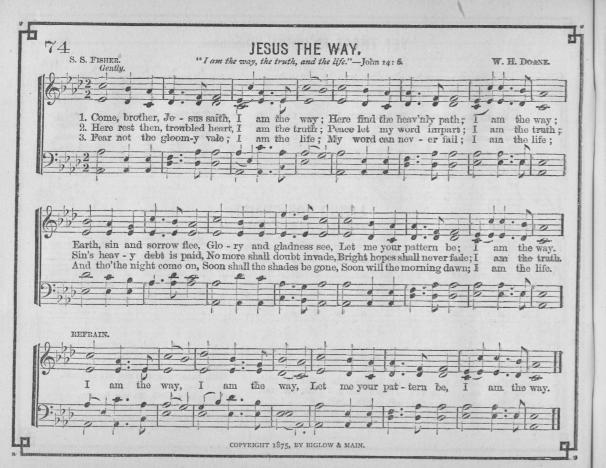


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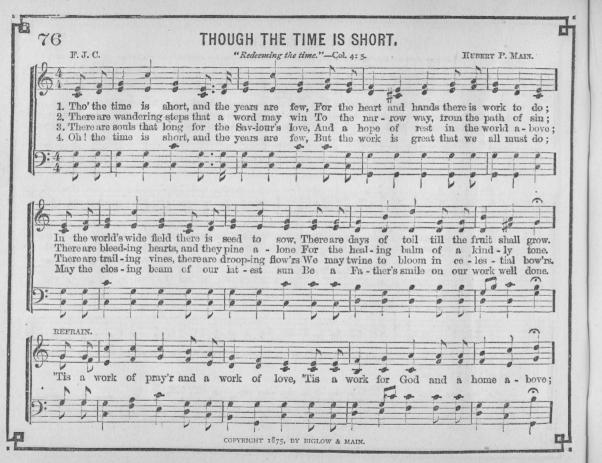
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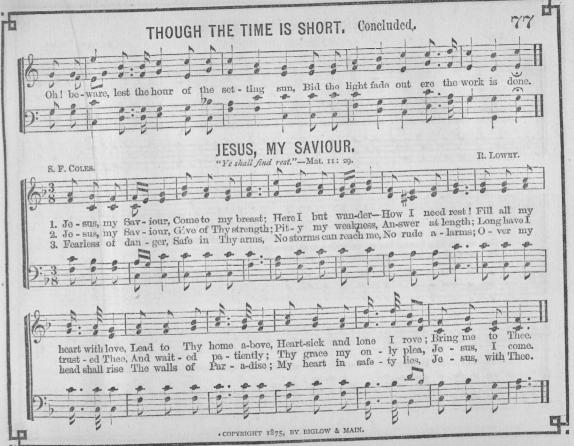
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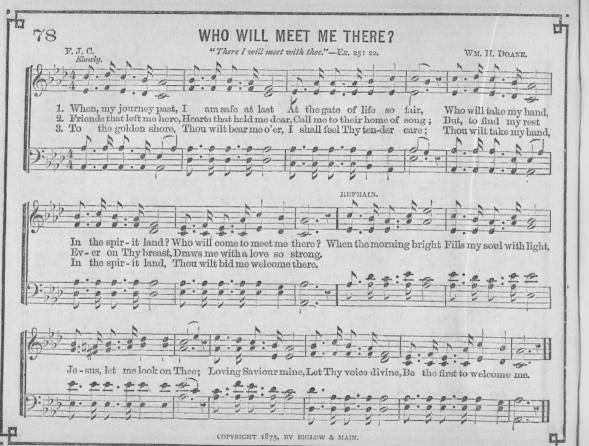
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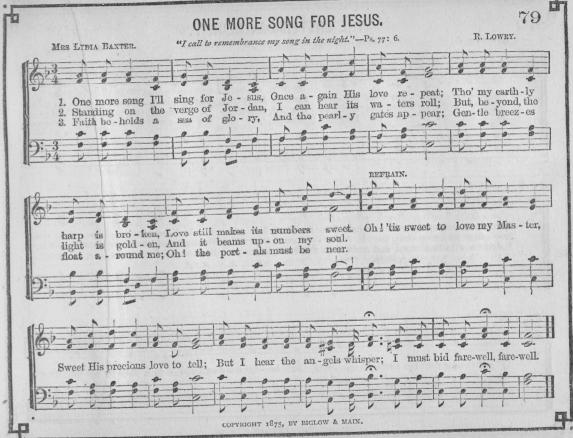




















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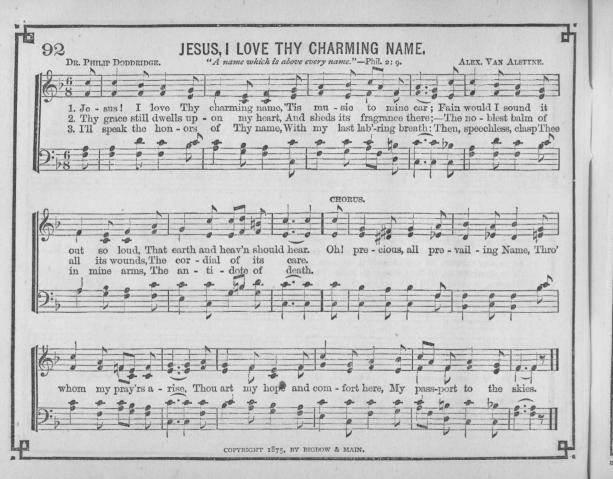






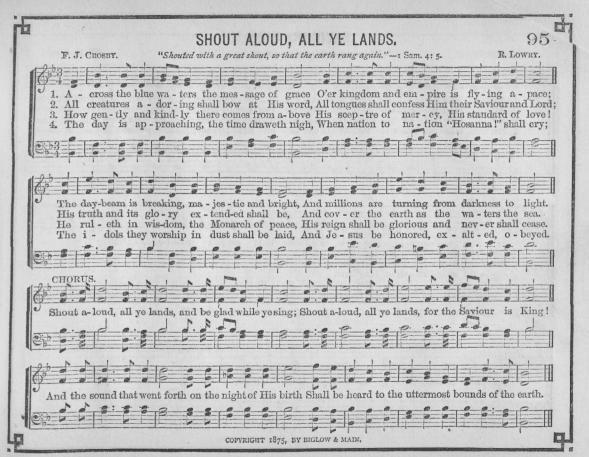


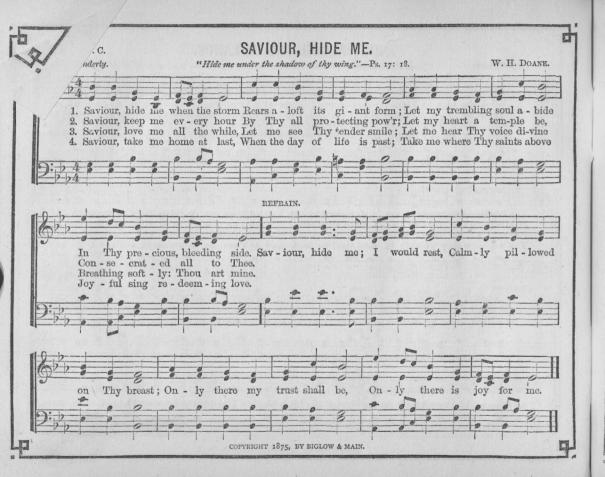




















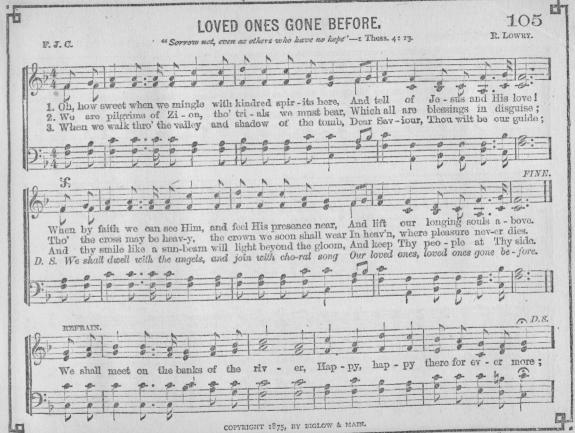


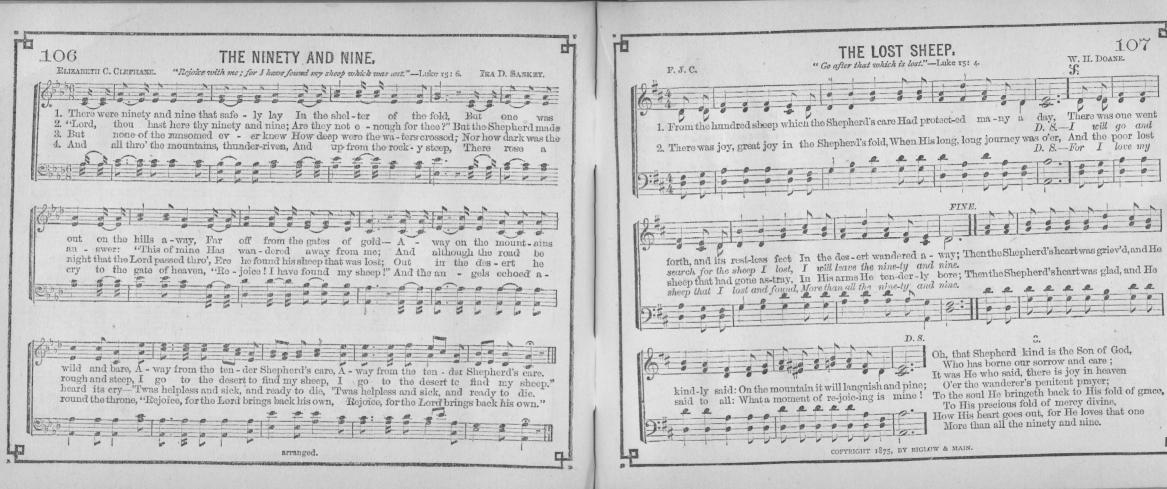


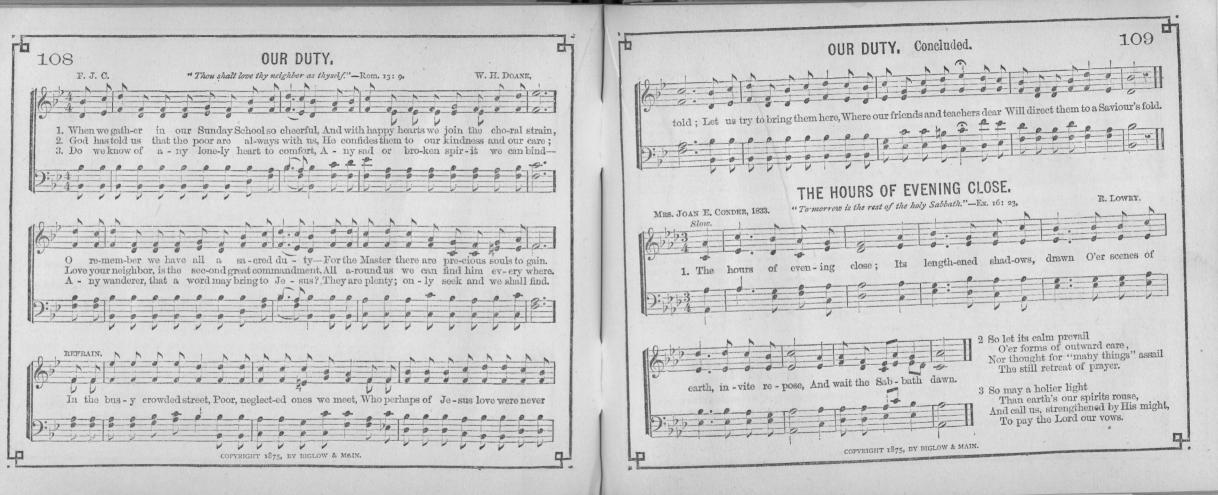
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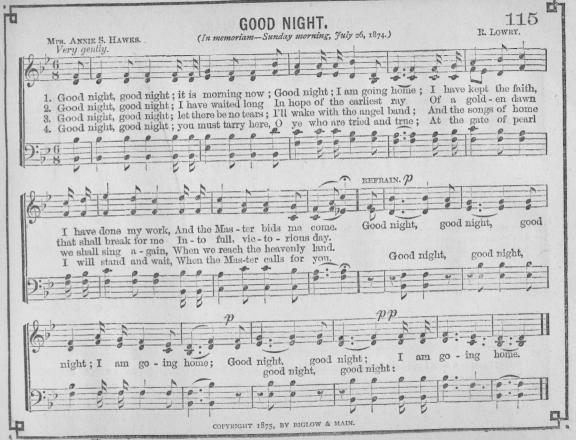


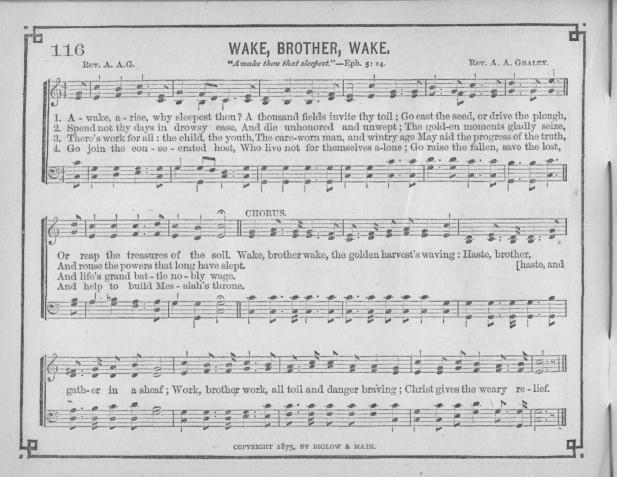


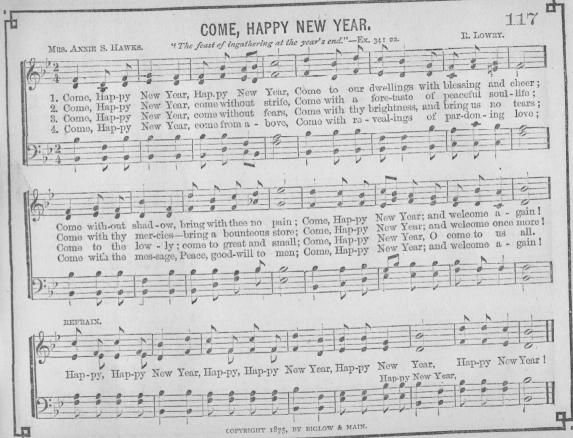


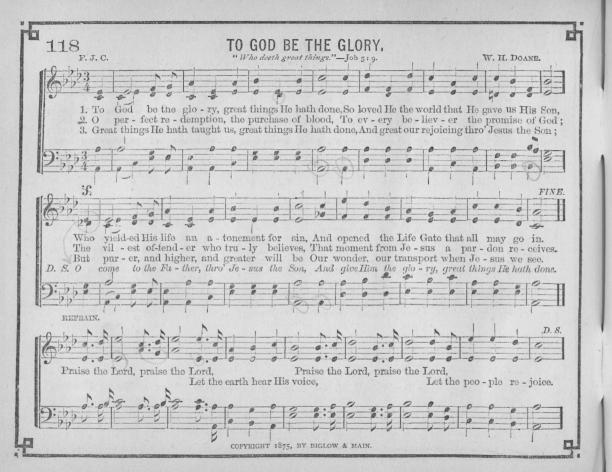


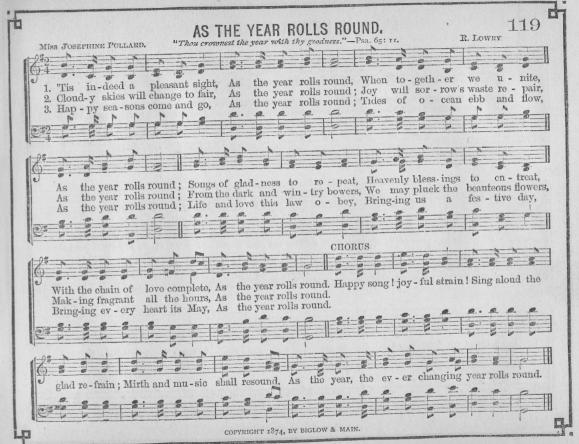


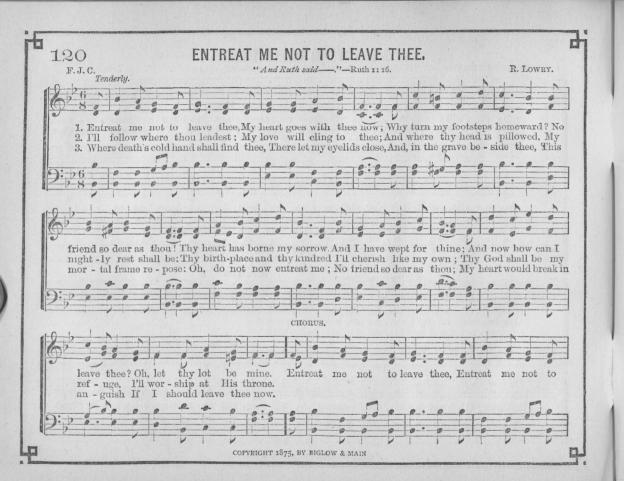


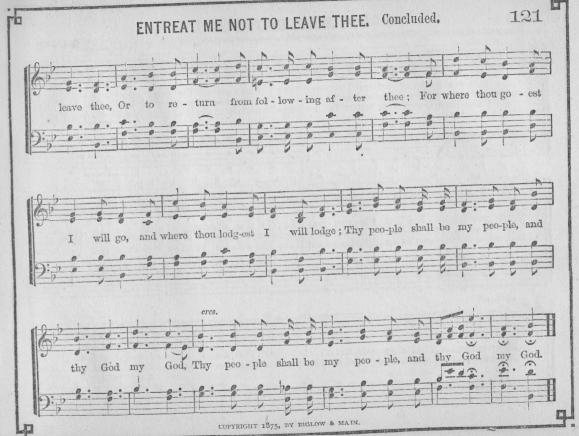






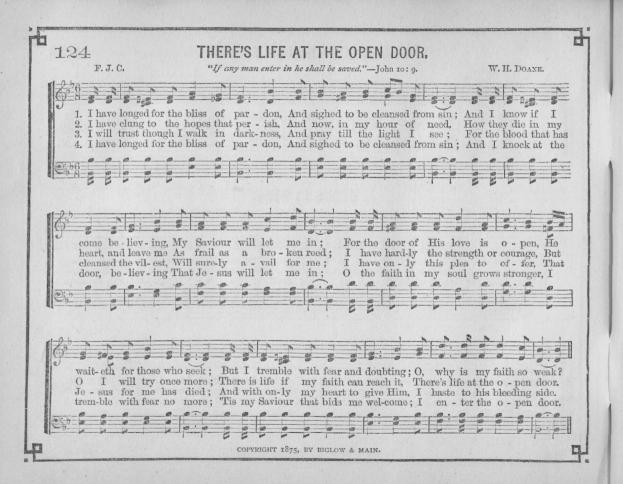


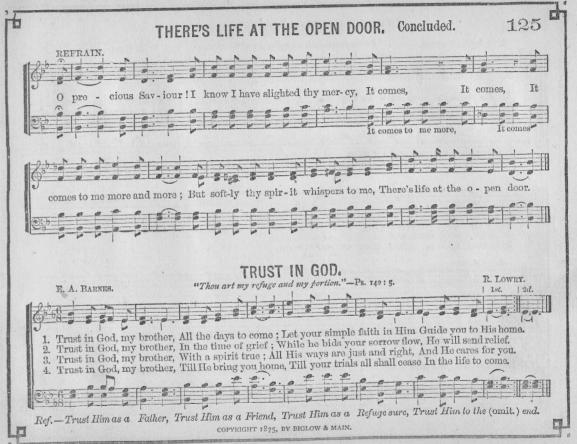




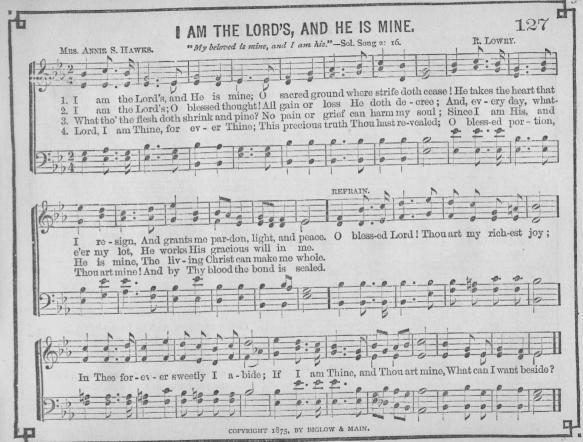


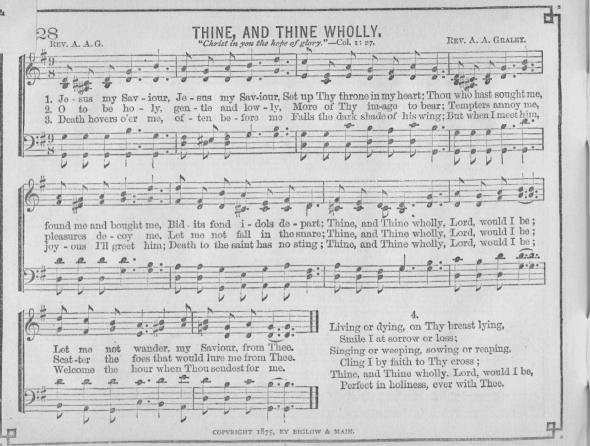






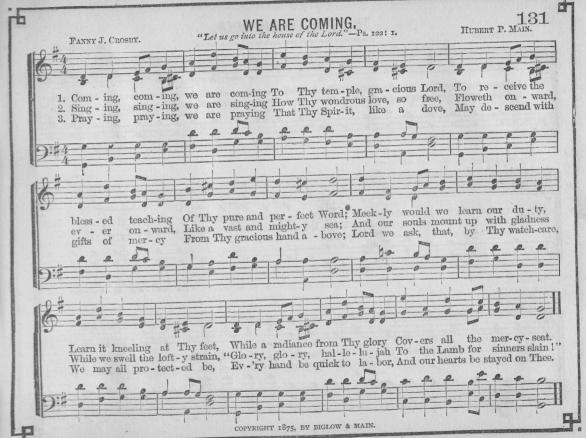




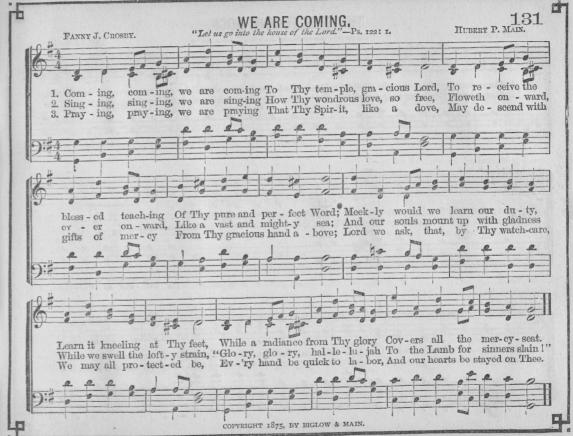


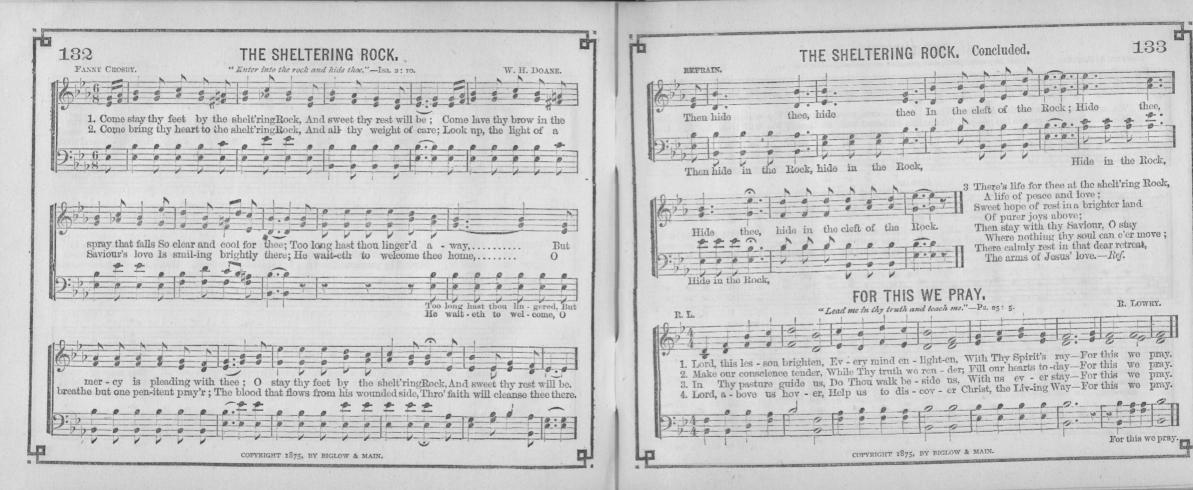








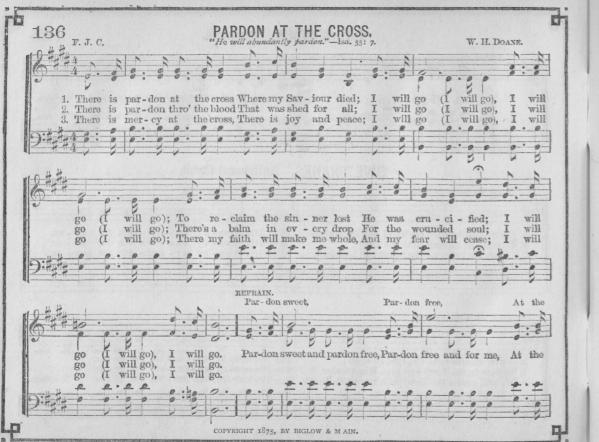


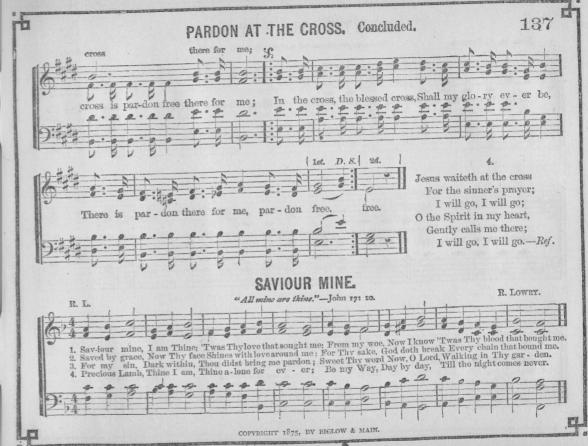


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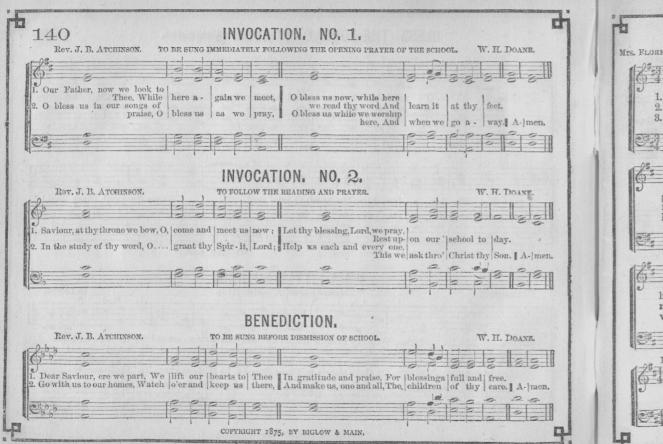


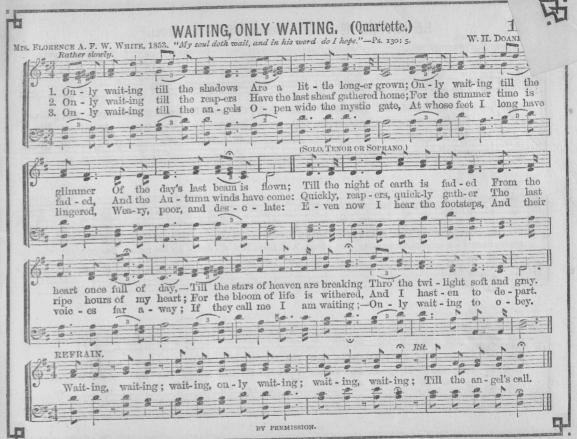


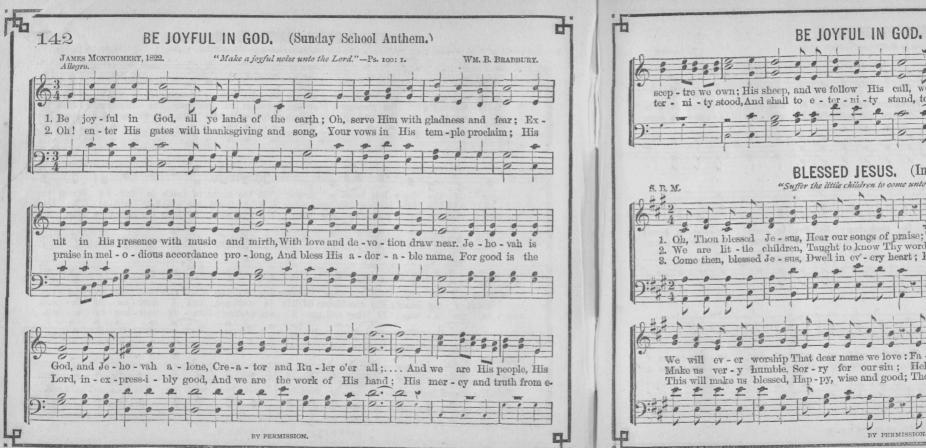






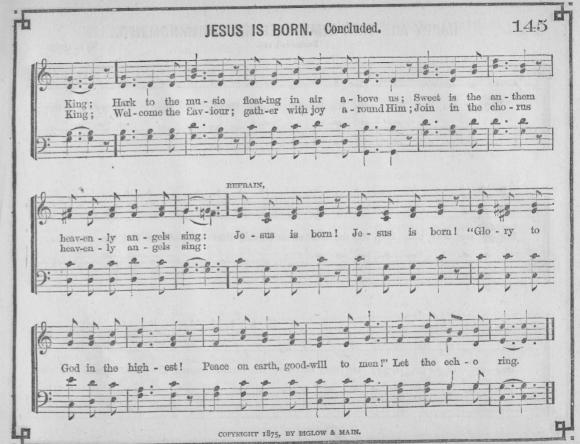


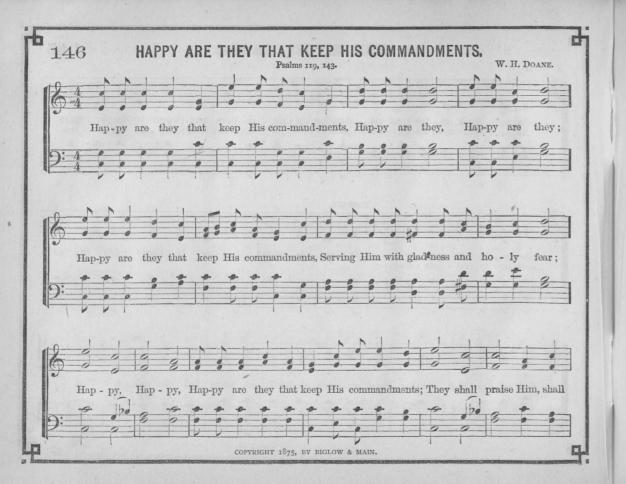


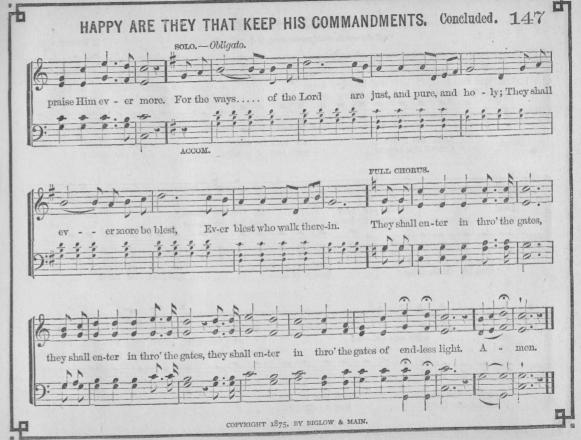


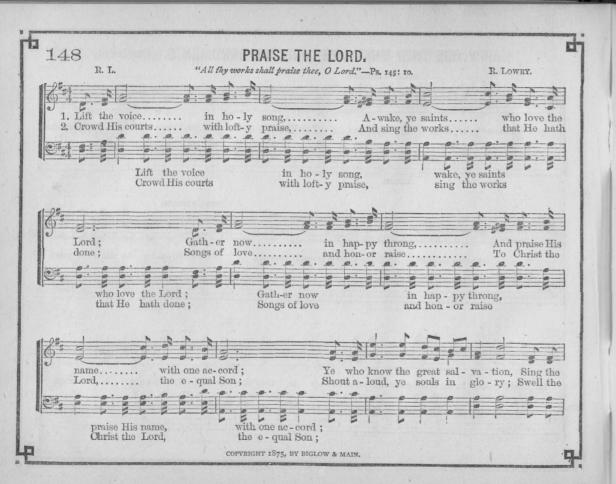


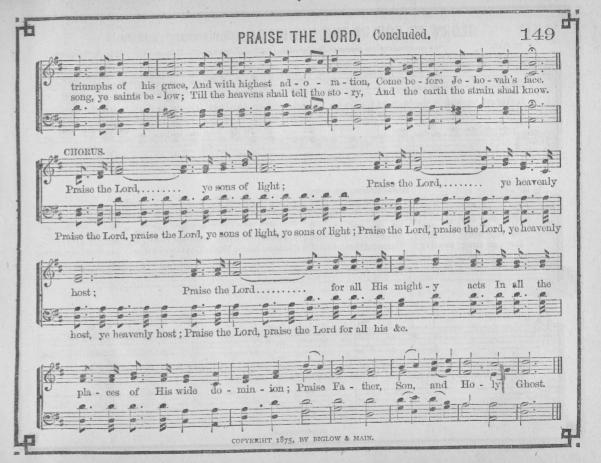


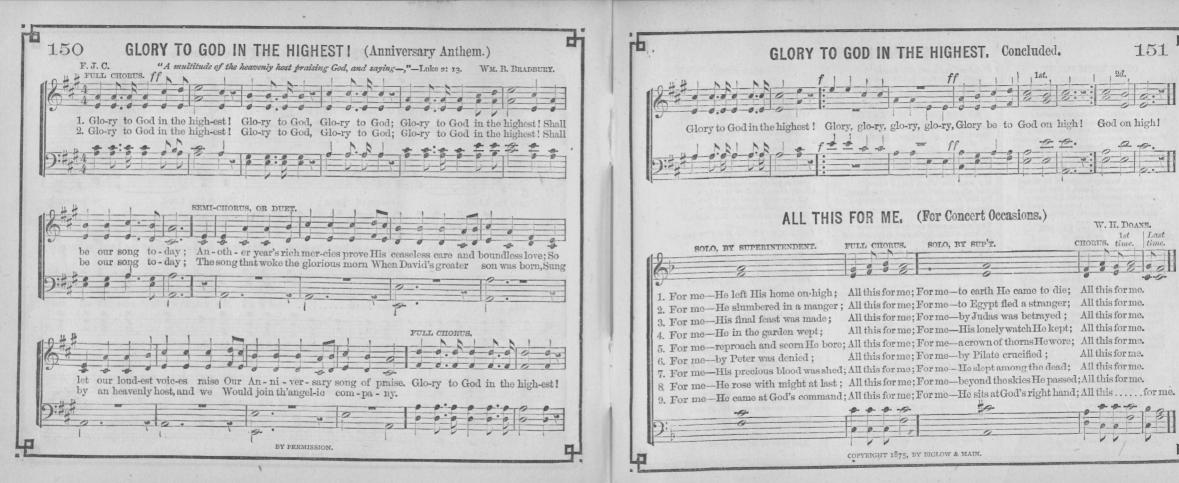












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GREENVILLE, KEY F. 1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing. Call for songs of loudest praise:

Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above : Praise the mount-I'm fixed upon it-Mount of thy redeeming love!

2. O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter. Bind my wandering heart to thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it-Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart: O, take and seal it: Seal it for thy courts above.

> DARE TO DO RIGHT. KEY Eb.

(2) 1. Dare to do right! Dare to be true! You have a work that no other can do: Do it so bravely, so kindly, so well. Angels will hasten the story to tell. CHO.-Dare, dare, dare to do right! Dare, dare, dare to be true!

2. Dare to do right! Dare to be true! Other men's failures can never save you: 1 Work, for the night is coming. Stand by your conscience, your honor. your faith:

Stand like a hero, and battle till death. CHO.—Dare, dare, &c.

> LABAN. S. M. KEY D.

1 My soul, be on thy guard; Ten thousand foes arise: The hosts of sin are pressing hard To draw thee from the skies.

2 O watch, and fight, and pray; The batt'e ne'er give o'er: Renew it boldly-every day. And help divine implore.

# BRIGHTEST AND BEST.

3 Fight on, my soul, till death Shall bring thee to thy God . He'll take thee at thy parting breath, Up to his blest abode.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER KEY D.

1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of That calls me from a world of care. And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known . In seasons of distress and grief. My soul has often found relief :And oft escaped the tempter's snare. By thy return, sweet hour of prayer, : |

2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of Thy wings shall my petition bear To him whose truth and faithfulness

Engage the waiting soul to bless: And since he bids me seek his face. Believe his word, and trust his grace, :I'll cast on him my every care. And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer .: |

Dare to be true! dare to be true! WORK, FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING

KEY E. Work through the morning hours: Work while the dew is sparkling. Work 'mid springing flow'rs; Work when the day grows brighter, Work in the glowing sun ; Work, for the night is coming, When man's work is done.

Work, for the night is coming. Work thro' the sunny noon: Fill brightest hours with labor, Rest comes sure and soon: Give every flying minute

Something to keep in store: Work, for the night is coming. When man works no more.

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KEY OF F. 1 Jesus, lover of my soul. Let me to thy bosom fly. While the raging waters roll While the tempest still is high: Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, Till the storm of life is past: Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last. Other refuge have I none: Hangs my helpless soul on thee: Leave, O leave me not alone; Still support and comfert me: All my trust on thee is stav'd: All my help from thee I bring: Cover my defenceless head With the shadow of thy wing.

SAVIOUR, LIKE A SHEPHERD KEYEL

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us. Much we need thy tend'rest care; In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare; #: Blessed Jesus. Thou hast bought us, thine we are, : Il

2 We are thine, do thou befriend us. Be the Guardian of our way: Keep thy flock, from sin defend us. Seek us when we go astray:

II: Blessed Jesus Hear, O hear us when we pray. :

OLMUTZ, S. M.

KEY Bh.

1 I love thy kingdom, Lord-The house of thine abode-The Church our blest Redeemer saved With his own precious blood.

2 I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand, Dear as the apple of thine eye, And graven on thy hand.

BRIGHTEST AND BEST.

ICHO.-Yes, we'll gather at the river. The beautiful, the beautiful river- (14)

NEVER BE AFRAID.

KEY F.

Never, never, never:

Labor with a kind and willing spirit,

Think how much a word can do:

He who loves and cares for you.

Never be afraid.

Jesus is your loving Saviour.

2 Never he afraid to work for Jesus.

In his vineyard day by day :

Therefore never be afraid.

He will all our toil repay.

CHO.-Never be afraid, &c.

3 Never be afraid to die for Jesus ;

He, the life, the truth, the way,

To the realms of endless day.

Our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds

We pour our ardent prayers;

Our comforts and our cares.

Our mutual burdens bear:

And often for each other flows

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one-

SHALL WE GATHER.

KEY Eb.

Where bright angel feet have trod;

CHO.—Never be afraid, &c.

1 Blest be the tie that binds

Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne,

3 We share our mutual woes;

The sympathizing tear.

1 Shall we gather at the river

With its crystal tide forever

Flowing by the throne of God?

(10)

(11)

Gently in his arms of love will bear us

BOYLSTON, S. M.

KEY C.

CHO .- Never be afraid.

1 Never be afraid to speak for Jesus,

That flows by the throne of God. 2 Ere we reach the shining river. Never be afraid to own your Saviour, Lay we every burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.-CHO.

3 Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease: Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. - CHO.

> MISSIONARY HYMN. KEY F

1 From Greenland s icy mountains. From India's coral strand, Where Afric's sunny fountains Roll down their golden sand, From many an ancient river, From many a palmy plain, They call us to deliver Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle; Though every prospect pleases, And only man is vile: In vain with lavish kindness The gifts of God are strewn; The heathen in his blindness, Bows down to wood and stone.

NAOMI. C. M.

KEY D. 1 Father, whate'er of earthly bliss Thy sovereign will denies, Accepted at thy throne of grace Let this petition rise:

2 Give me a calm, a thankful heart, From every murmur free: The blessings of thy grace impart,

And make me live to thee. 3 Let the sweet hope that thou art mine My life and death attend: Thy presence through my journey shine, And crown my journey's end.

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KEY. Bh. Gather with the saints at the river 1 How gentle God's commands; How kind his precepts are: Come cast your burdens on the Lord,

And trust his constant care. Beneath his watchful eve His saints securely dwell: The hand which bears all nature up. Shall guard his children well.

T DO BELIEVE.

KEY F. 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds. And drives away his fear.

CHO.-I do believe, I now believe That Jesus died for me: And through his blood, his precious T shall from sin be free. Iblood.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole. And calms the troubled breast:

'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary rest. CHO.—I do believe, etc.,

ATTUMN.

KEY G. 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time:

All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime; When the woes of life o'ertake me. Hopes deceive and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo! it glows with peace and joy. 2. When the sun of bliss is beaming

Light and love upon my way. From the cross the radiance streaming Adds new lustre to the day: Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified:

Peace is there that knows no measure. Joys that through all time abide,

1 The Saviour bids us watch and pray. Through life's brief fleeting hour And gives the Spirit's quickening ray To those who seek his power.

2 The Saviour bids us watch and pray. Maintain a warrior's strife. Help. Lord, to hear thy voice to-day: Obedience is our life.

#### NEAR THE CROSS.

(18)KEY E. 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross

There a precious fountain. Free to all, a healing stream. Flows from Calvary's mountain. CHO.—In the Cross, in the Cross Be my glory ever. Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross I'll watch and wait. Hoping, trusting ever. Till I reach the golden strand. Just beyond the river .- CHO.

#### AMERICA

(19)KEY F. 1 My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died. Land of the pilgrim's pride, From ev'ry mountain side Let freedom ring.

2 My native country! thee. Land of the noble, free. Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills. My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

# BRIGHTEST AND BEST.

13 Our father's God! to thee. Author of liberty. To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright. With freedom's holv light: Protect us by thy might. Great God, our King!

#### NORTHFIELD. C. M. KEY Bh.

1 O for a thousand tongues, to sing My great Redeemer's praise: The glories of my God and King. The triumphs of his grace.

Jesus !-the name that charms our fears. That bids our sorrows cease: 'Tis music in the sinners's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace,

3 He breaks the power of cancel'd sin. He sets the prisoner free: His blood can make the foulest clean: His blood avail'd forme

## CORONATION. C. M.

KEY G. 1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall : Bring forth the royal diadem. And crown him Lord of all.

2 Let every kindred, every tribe. On this terrestrial ball. To him all majesty ascribe. And crown him Lord of all.

3 O that with vonder sacred throng. Weat his feet may fall: We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.

### ORTONVILLE, C. M.

KEY Bh.

1 O for a closer walk with God-A calm and heavenly frame : A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb.

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12 Where is the blessedness I knew When first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul-refreshing view Of Jesus and his word?

3 The dearest idol I have known. Whate'er that idol be. Help me to tear it from thy throne. And worship only thee.

## TOPLADY. 7s.

KEY Bb. 1 Rock of ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood From thy wounded side which flow'd Be of sin the double cure-Save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow. Could my zeal no languor know. These for sin could not atone: Thou must save and thou alone: In my hand no price I bring; Simply to thy cross I cling.

3 While I draw this fleeting breath. When my eyes shall close in death. When I rise to worlds nnknown. And behold thee on thy throne, Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee,

#### BOYLSTON. KEY C.

1 Sow in the morn thy seed: At eye hold not thy hand: To doubt and fear give thou no heed Broadcast it o'er the land.

2 Thou know'st not which shall thrive The late, or early sown: Grace keeps the precious germ alive When and wherever strewn.

3 Thou canst not toil in vain : Cold, heat, and moist and dry, Shall foster and mature the grain For garners in the sky.

# BRIGHTEST AND BEST.

NEW HAVEN. P. M.

KEY Eb.

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine : Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away: O let me from this day Be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart My zeal inspire: As then hast died for me. O may my love to thee Pure warm and changeless be-A living fire.

#### FOUNTAIN. C. M.

KEY Eb. 1 There is a fountain, filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins.

And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dving thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day: And there may I, the' vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood Shall never lose its power, Till all the ransomed Church of God Are saved to sin no more.

#### BETHANY. P. M.

KEY G.

1 Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee!

. E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me. Still all my song shall be. Nearer, my God, to thee!

2 Though like a wanderer, The sun gone down, Darkness comes over me, My rest a stone;

Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to thee. Nearer to thee!

3 There let my way appear Steps unto heaven: All that thou sendest me In mercy given; Angels to beckon to me Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee!

#### BOYLSTON, S.M.

KEY C.

1 A charge to keep I have. A God to glorify. A never-dving soul to save. And fit it for the sky.

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2 To serve the present age. My calling to fulfill. O. may it all my powers engage To do my Master's will.

3 Arm me with jealous care, As in thy sight to live, And oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare A strict account to give.

#### WEBB. P.M. KEY Bh. 1 The morning light is breaking

The darkness disappears ; The sons of earth are waking To penitential tears: Each breeze that sweeps the ocean Brings tidings from afar Of nations in commotion, Prepared for Zion's war.

2 Blest river of salvation, Pursue thy onward way; Flow thou to every nation, Norinthy richness stay; Stay not till all the lowly Triumphant reach their home; Stay not till all the holy Proclaim-"The Lord is come!"

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PLEYEL'S HYMN. 7s.

KEY G. 1 Depth of mercy! can there be Merey still reserved for me? Can my God his wrath forbear? Me, the chief of sinners, spare?

2 I have long withstood his grace: Long provoked him to his face: Would not hearken to his calls; Grieved him by a thousand falls.

Now incline me to repent: Let me now my sins lament: Now my foul revolt deplore. Weep, believe, and sin no more,

#### AMBOV. P. M.

KEY G.

1 To-day the Saviour calls: O. listen now: Within these sacred walls To Jesus bow.

2 To-day the Saviour calls, For refuge fly: The storm of justice calls And death is nigh.

3 The Spirit calls to-day: Yield to his power: Oh, grieve him not away, 'Tis mercy's hour.

LOVING KINDNESS. L. M.

KEY A.

1 Awake, my soul, in joyful lavs. And sing thy great Redeemer's praise: He justly claims a song from me; His loving kindness, oh, how free!

2 He saw me ruined by the fall, Yet loved me, notwithstanding all: He saved me from my lost estate; His loving kindness, oh, how great!

3 I often feel my sinful heart Prone from my Saviour to depart; But though I oft have him forgot, His loving kindness changes not.

#### PASS ME NOT.

KEY Ab.

1 Pass me not, O gentle Saviour. Hear my humble cry: While on others thou art calling. Do not pass meby. CHO.—Saviour, Saviour,

Hear my humble cry: While on others thou art calling. Do not pass me by.

2 Let me at a throne of mercy Find a sweet relief: Kneeling there in deep contrition. Help my unbelief .- CHO.

3 Trusting only in thy merit, Would I seek thy face. Heal my wounded, broken spirit. Save me by thy grace .- CHO.

> HORTON., 7s. KEY Bl.

1 'Tis religion that can give Sweetest pleasure while we live: "Tis religion must supply Solid comfort when we die.

2 After death its joys shall be Lasting as eternity: Be the living God our friend, Then our bliss shall never end.

HAMBURG, L. M.

1 Just as I am, without one plea. But that thy blood was shed for me. And that thou bidst me come to thee. O Lamb of God. I come. I come! 2 Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come! 3 Just as I am-thy love unknown, Has broken every barrier down; Now to be thine, yes, thine alone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## BRIGHTEST AND BEST.

HORTON. 78.

KEY Bb.

1 Come, saith Jesus' sacred voice, Come, and make my paths your choice I will guide you to your home: Weary wanderer, hither come!

2 Hither come! for here is found Balm that flows for every wound: Peace that ever shall endure, Rest, eternal, sacred, sure.

#### THE SHINING SHORE.

KEY G.

1 My days are gliding swiftly by, And I, a pilgrim stranger, Would not detain them as they fly. Those hours of toil and danger. CHO. For now we stand on Jordan's strand Our friends are passing over: And just before, the shining shore We may almost discover.

2 We'll gird our loins, my brethren dear, Our heavenly home discerning; Our absent Lord has left us word. Let every lamp be burning. CHO.

ARLINGTON, C. M.

1 Oh, could I find from day to day A nearness to my God: Then would my hours glide sweet away.

While leaning on his word. 2 Lord, I desire with thee to live Anew from day to day.

In joys the world can never give. Nor ever take away.

#### HE LEADETH ME.

KEY D.

1 He leadeth me! oh blessed thought. Oh, words with heav nly comfort fraught, Whate'er I do, where'er I be. Oh, may I now receive that gift; Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

(REF. He leadeth me! he leadeth me! By his own hand he leadeth me: His faithful follower I would be. For by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine. Nor ever murmur nor repine-Content, whatever lot I see. Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. REF.

#### I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR.

KEY Ab.

1 I need thee every hour. Most gracious Lord ; No tender voice like thine Can peace afford. REF. I need thee, oh! I need thee: Every hour I need thee: O bless me now, my Saviour! I come to thee.

2 I need thee every hour: Stay thou near by: Temptations lose their power When thou art nigh. REF.

3 I need thee every hour. In joy or pain; Come quickly and abide. Or life is vain. REF.

4 I need thee every hour: Teach me thy will; And thy rich promises In me fulfill. REF.

NAOMI, C. M.

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KEY D. 1 Father, I stretch my hands to thee. No other help I know : If thou withdraw thyself from me, Ah, whither shall I go?

2 Author of faith, to thee I lift My soul, without it, dies.

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