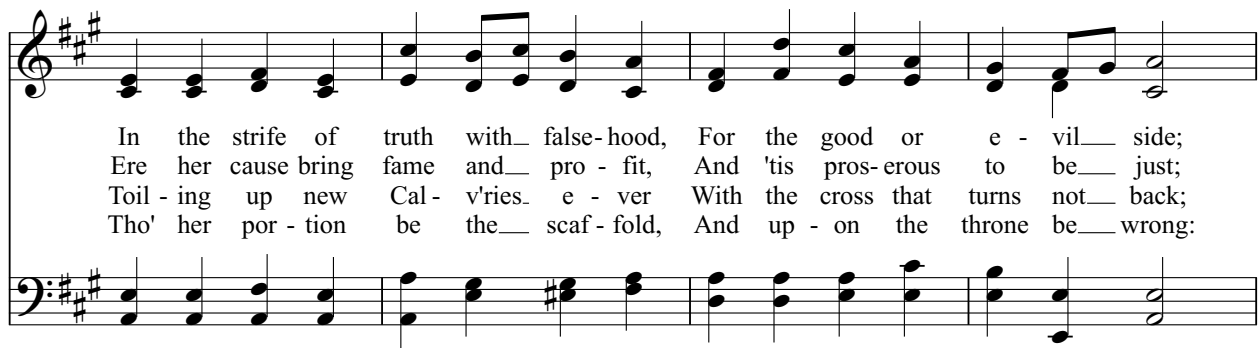


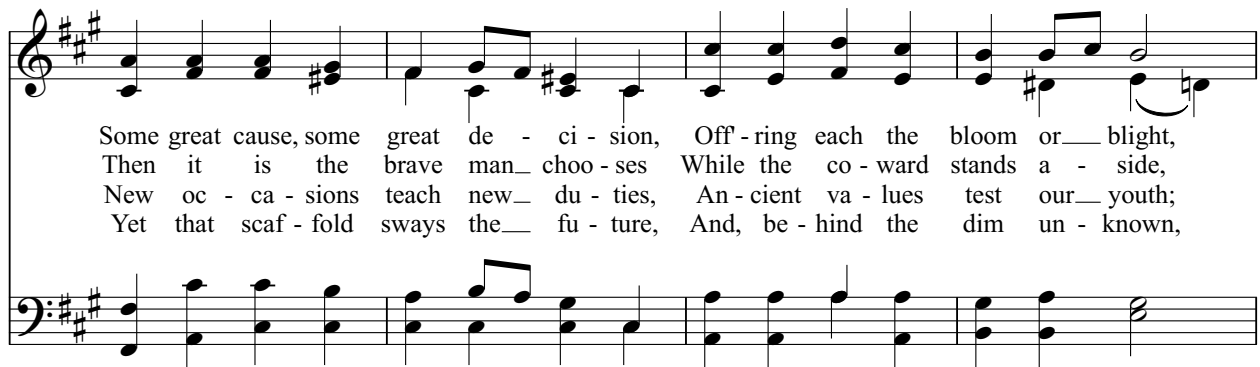
Once to Every Man and Nation



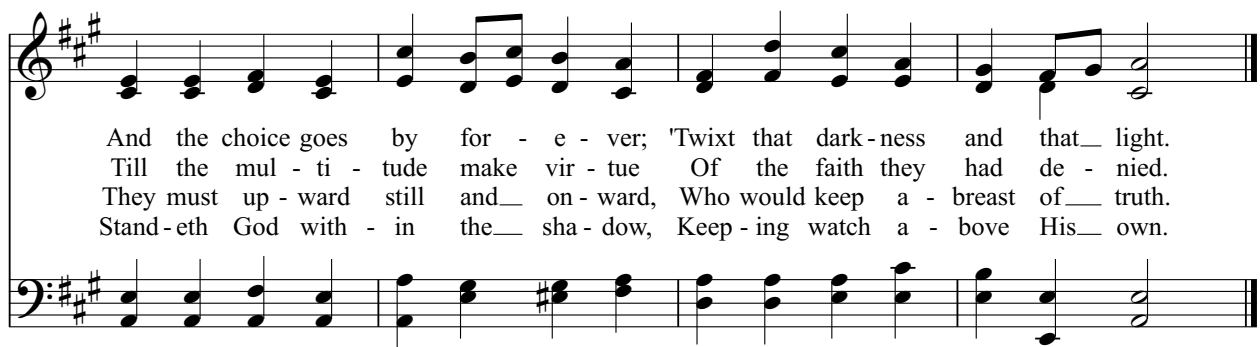
1. Once to ev' - ry man and na - tion Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, When we share her wretch - ed crust,
3. By the light of bur - ning mar - tyr's, Christ, Thy bleed - ing feet we track,
4. Tho' the cause of e - vil pros - per, Yet the truth a - lone is strong:



In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the good or e - vil side;
Ere her cause bring fame and pro - fit, And 'tis pros - erous to be just;
Toil - ing up new Cal - v'ries e - ver With the cross that turns not back;
Tho' her por - tion be the scaf - fold, And up - on the throne be wrong:



Some great cause, some great de - ci - sion, Off - ring each the bloom or blight,
Then it is the brave man choo - ses While the co - ward stands a - side,
New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties, An - cient va - lues test our youth;
Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, And, be - hind the dim un - known,



And the choice goes by for - e - ver; 'Twixt that dark - ness and that 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 sha - dow, Keep - ing watch a - bove His own.

Text: James Russell Lowell, 1819-1891; alt.
Tune: John Zundel, 1815-1882



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