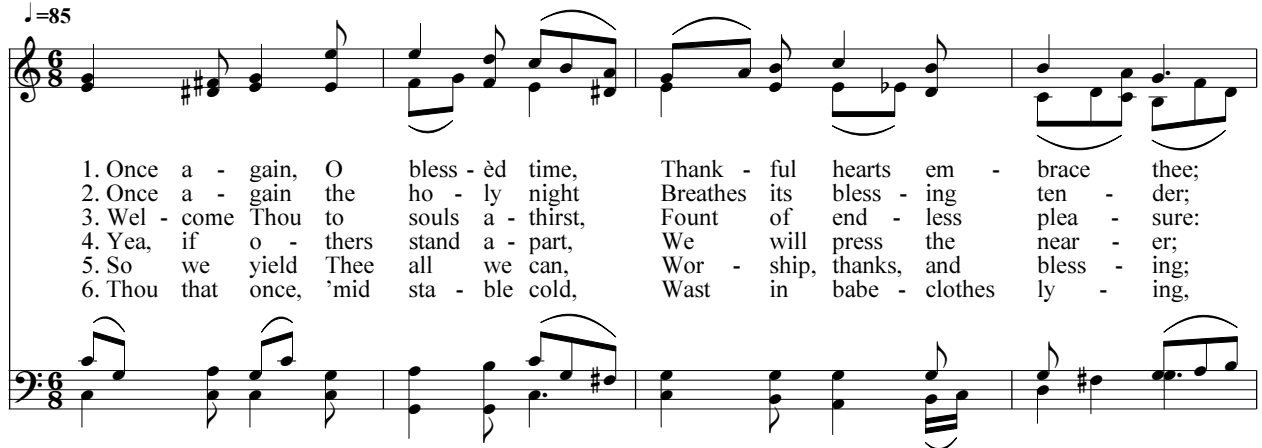


Once Again, O Blessèd Time

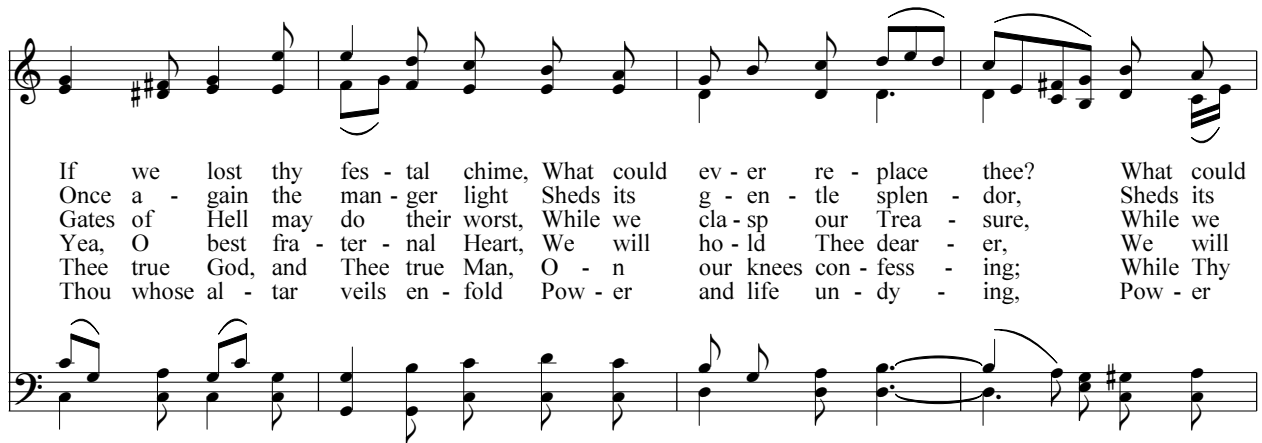
William Bright, 1874

John Bacchus Dykes

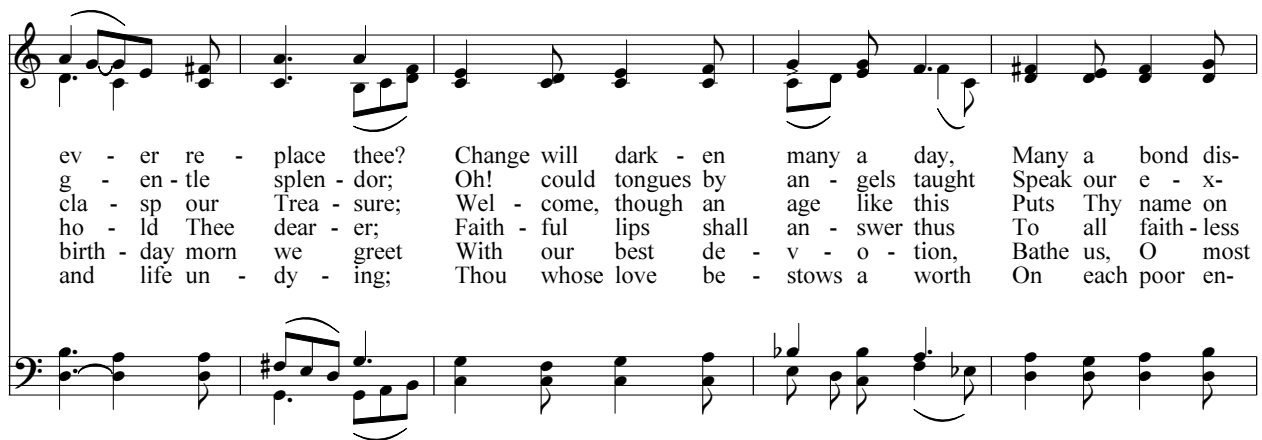
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1. Once a - gain, O bless - èd time, Thank - ful hearts em - brace thee;
 2. Once a - gain the ho - ly night Breathes its bless - ing ten - der;
 3. Wel - come Thou to souls a - thirst, Fount of end - less plea - sure;
 4. Yea, if o - thers stand a - part, We will press the near - er;
 5. So we yield Thee all we can, Wor - ship, thanks, and bless - ing;
 6. Thou that once, 'mid sta - ble cold, Wast in babe - clothes ly - ing,



If we lost thy fes - tal chime, What could ev - er re - place thee? What could
 Once a - gain the man - ger light Sheds its g - en - tle splen - dor, Sheds its
 Gates of Hell may do their worst, While we cla - sp our Trea - sure, While we
 Yea, O best fra - ter - nal Heart, We will ho - ld Thee dear - er, We will
 Thee true God, and Thee true Man, O - n our knees con - fess - ing; While Thy
 Thou whose al - tar veils en - fold Pow - er and life un - dy - ing, Pow - er



ev - er re - place thee? Change will dark - en many a day, Many a bond dis -
 g - en - tle splen - dor; Oh! could tongues by an - gels taught Speak our e - x -
 cla - sp our Trea - sure; Wel - come, though an age like this Puts Thy name on
 ho - ld Thee dear - er; Faith - ful lips shall an - swer thus To all faith - less
 birth - day morn we greet With our best de - v - o - tion, Bathe us, O most
 and life un - dy - ing; Thou whose love be - stows a worth On each poor en -

cresc.

- sev - er; Many a joy shall pass a - way, But the "Great Joy" ne - ver.
 - ulta - tion In the vir - gin's child that brought All man - kind sal - va - tion?
 tri - al, And the truth that makes our bliss Pleads a - gainst de - ni - al,
 scorn - ing, "Je - sus Christ is God with us, Born on Christ - mas morn - ing."
 true and sweet! In Thy m - er - cy's o - cean. Bathe us, O most true and sweet!
 - dea - vor, Have Thou joy of this Thy birth In our praise for - ev - er.

dim.

But the "Great Joy" ne - ver. But the "Great Joy" ne - ver!
 In the virgin's child that brought All man - kind sal - va - tion?
 Pleads a - gainst de - ni - al, Pleads a - gainst de - ni - al!
 Born on Christ - mas morn - ing." Born on Christ - mas morn - ing."
 In Thy mer - cy's o - cean. In Thy mer - cy's o - cean.
 In our praise for - ev - er. In our praise for - ev - er.