

Once to Every Man and Nation

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1. Once to ev - ery man and na - tion, comes the mo - ment
 2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, when we share her
 3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Christ, Thy bleed - ing
 4. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, yet the truth a -

to de - cide, In the strife of truth with false - hood,
 wretch - ed crust, Ere her cause bring fame and pro - fit,
 feet we track, Toil - ing up new Cal - v'ries ev - er
 - lone is strong; Though her por - tion be the scaf - fold,

for the good or e - vil side; Some great cause, some
 and 'tis pros - perous to be just; Then it is the
 with the cross that turns not back; New oc - ca - sions
 and up - on the throne be wrong; Yet that scaf - fold

great de - ci - sion, off - ering each the bloom or blight,
 brave man choos - es while the cow - ard stands a - side,
 teach new du - ties, time makes an - cient good un - couth,
 sways the fu - ture, and be - hind the dim un - known,

And the choice goes by for - ev - er, 'twixt that dark - ness
 Till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue of the faith they
 They must up - ward still and on - ward, who would keep a -
 Stand-eth God with - in the sha - dow, keep - ing watch a -

and that light.
 had de - nied.
 - breast of truth.
 - bove His own.