Once to Every Man and Nation

1. Once to ev’ry man and na-tion Comes the mo-ment
to de-cide, In the strife of truth with false-hood,
great de-ci-sion, Off’ring each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by for-ever;
'Twixt that dark-ness and that light.

2. Then to side with truth is no-ble, When we share her wretch ed crust, Ere her cause bring fame and pro-fit,
brave man choo-ses While the co-ward stands a-side,
Till the mul-ti-tude make vir-tue
Of the faith they had de-nied.

3. By the light of bur-ning mar-tyrs, Christ, Thy bleed-ing feet we_track, Toil-ing up new Cal-v’ries e-ver
teach new du-ties, An-cient va-ling test our youth;
They must up-ward still and on-ward,
Who would keep a-breast of truth.

4. Tho’the cause of e-vil pros-per, Yet the truth a-lone is strong: Tho’ her por-tion be the scaf-fold,
sways the fu-ture, And, be-hind the dim un-known,
And up-on the throne be wrong: Yet that scaf-fold
Stand-eth God with in the sha-dow,
Keep-ing watch a-bove His own.