

Father, in Thy Presence Now

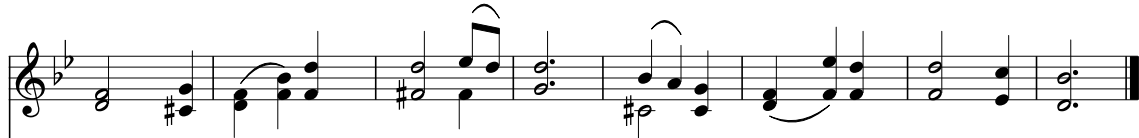
Anonymous, before 1850

Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1867

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1. Fa - ther, in Thy pre - sence now, Has been pledged the nup - tial vow;
2. God of love! this un - ion bless, Not with earth's low hap - pi - ness;
3. May these blend - ed souls be found Firm in du - ty's ac - tive round;
4. When a - gainst their trem - bling forms Shoot the ar - rows of life's storms;
5. In the full - ness of be - lief, May they look be - yond the grief;



Heart to heart, as hand in hand, Bride and groom, Thy child - ren stand.
But with joys whose heav - enly spring Shall di - vin - er rap - tures bring.
Dai - ly ev - ery bur - den share, Night - ly seek Thy sha - dow - ing
Or when age and sick - ness wait Her - alds at life's part - ing gate—
And to - ge - ther fear - less tread In the path where Thou shalt lead.

