

# God is working His purpose out

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(vv. 2,3,4)

(vv. 2,5)

God is working His purpose out  
As year succeeds to year;  
God is working his purpose out,  
And the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
The time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,  
To prosper and increase  
The brotherhood of all mankind,  
The reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
The time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth  
Unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
Till God gives life to the seed;  
Yet near and nearer draws the time,  
The time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,  
Where'er man's foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many messengers  
Goes forth the voice of God:  
"Give ear to Me, ye continents,  
Ye isles, give ear to Me,"  
That the earth may be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God,  
With the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth  
May shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin  
To set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

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