

The sun is sinking fast

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a brace on the left. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music is in 6/8 time. The first staff contains a series of chords and single notes, including a sharp sign in the fourth measure. The second staff contains a bass line with eighth and quarter notes.

The second system of musical notation continues from the first system. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a brace on the left. The key signature has one flat. The music continues with chords and single notes in the first staff, and a bass line in the second staff. A '6' is written above the first measure of the first staff.

The sun is sinking fast,
The daylight dies;
Let love awake, and pay
Her evening sacrifice.

As Christ upon the cross
His head inclined,
And to His Father's hands
His parting soul resigned;

So now herself my soul
Would wholly give
Into His sacred charge
In whom all spirits live;

So now beneath His eye
Would calmly rest,
Without a wish or thought
Abiding in the breast;

Save that His will be done,
Whate'er betide;
Dead to herself, and dead
In Him to all beside.

Thus would I live: yet now
Not I, but He,
In all His power and love,
Henceforth alive in me.

One sacred Trinity,
One Lord divine,
May I be ever His,
And He forever mine.

Latin, possibly 18th Century.