

1 Be - fore this wide Cre - a - tion's birth, 'ere the com - mand, "Be  
 2 Thou, ev - en Thou, art Lord a - lone; Thy power, Thy will, all  
 3 All things cre - a - ted by Thy power o - bey Thy will from  
 4 We won - der with a - dor - ing love: Thy mer - cy and Thy  
 5 That Thou shouldst suf - fer men to praise, and an - gels hymns on

there the earth," 'ere man had heard his Ma - ker's name, e - ter - nal -  
 crea-tures own; the heaven of heavens' an - gel - ic host praise Fa - ther,  
 hour to hour; an - gels and men, Thy ser - vants all, in won-drous  
 goodness prove that Thou Thy an - gels shouldst or - dain to min - i -  
 earth to raise to glo - ri - fy their Heaven-ly King, ac - cept - ing

ly wert Thou the same, the migh - ty, ev - er - last - ing God! \_\_\_\_\_  
 Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the Tri - une, ev - er - last - ing God! \_\_\_\_\_  
 or - der hear Thy call, Thou migh - ty, ev - er - last - ing God! \_\_\_\_\_  
 ster to man so vain, Thou migh - ty, ev - er - last - ing God! \_\_\_\_\_  
 the poor praise they bring, Thou migh - ty, ev - er - last - ing God! \_\_\_\_\_

6 The heav'nly host forever blest,  
 who know no night, who need  
 no rest,  
 but joyful serving evermore,  
 Thy glory and Thy love adore,  
 Thou mighty, everlasting God!

7 Deign e'en as Thou hast bade  
 them serve,  
 to minister and to preserve,  
 so still appoint them to defend,  
 and succour to Thy saints to lend;  
 Thou mighty, everlasting God!

8 O bid them camp our homes around,  
 our footsteps and our paths surround,  
 on earth still breathing on our ear,  
 sweet sounds from Heav'n of love  
 and fear,  
 of Thee, Thou everlasting God!

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