

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

(Melody: *L'cho Adonay.*)

CHORUS:

THINE the kingdom is!
 Thou, God, reign'st in bliss,
 Ouly Lord o'er all.

Rise, my soul, on high!
 Heart and soul shall vie,
 God to praise in song!
 Thousand melodies
 To the skies shall rise;
 All the strain prolong:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

Folk from South and North,
 From all lands, come forth,
 Magnify your Lord!
 Come, the countless throng,
 Swell the mighty song
 In one grand accord:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

Israel take the lead!
 Thee thy God has freed,
 Thou hast cause to sing!
 God is thy delight;
 Then with all thy might
 Let thy anthem ring:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

Once upon this night
 God by His great might
 Broke our chains in two.
 Now we are His own!
 Laud Him on His throne,
 As His angels do:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

Chased by storm and night,
 We looked in our flight
 To our guiding star;
 Midst the raging waves,
 Midst the yawning graves
 Naught our song could bar:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

To God's faithful word,
 Braving floods and sword,
 Through the storms we clung,
 In the foreign land,
 Mocked and beat and banned,
 Still our fathers sung:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

God we never missed,
 Still His hand we kissed
 And endured the pain.
 In our darkest days,
 Through our mournful lays
 Still rang forth the strain:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

All the sorrow borne,
 God called forth the morn
 And a brighter day.
 As the birds do sing
 In the joy of spring
 Breaks my song away:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

God doth rule! His care
 In our night's despair
 Watches o'er our head;
 And in daytime's joys,
 When the world decoys,
 Still by Him we're led—

CHORUS: Thine etc.

Then endure ye still!
 Israel's keeper will
 Lead them to their goal!
 In your God rejoice!
 Hear His mighty voice!
 Sing with all your soul:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

All ye men bow down!
 Great be His renown
 Who did all create!
 From each land and clime
 Let the people chime
 In this song of fate:

CHORUS: Thine etc.

Great and glorious time
 When our God sublime
 To all men is known.—
 Lord, Thy children guide
 Till Thy kingdom bide,
 And all nations own:

CHORUS: Thine the kingdom is!
 Thou, God, reign'st in bliss,
 Only Lord o'er all.

THE SONG OF MIDNIGHT.

CHORUS:

IN the middle of the night.

When the stealthy danger towers
 God revealed to us His powers.
 Praise His name, and bless these hours
 Of the night.

CHORUS: 't was the middle of the night.

When God's radiant glory dashes
Through the night, and midst the crashes,
Lo! in floods the bright light flashes
Through the night.

CHORUS: Into day He turned the night.

And the gloomy night He endeth
And the glorious day He sendeth;
And His bright effulgence blendeth
With the night.

CHORUS: Lighting up the darkest night.

In the night our voice we're raising
Unto God, and Him we're praising,
While the stars His fame are blazing
Through the night.

CHORUS: Through the holy space of night.

Night on earth predominated,
When the Lord the light created,
Which His glory now related—
In the night.

CHORUS: To the creatures of the night.

And to man He gave his features,
Chose him from all earthly creatures
That he read the starry scriptures
Of the night.

CHORUS: In the clearness of the night.

But man left of light the spender;—
Then against the dire offender
Abram stood, the light's defender
In the night.

CHORUS: In that dark and erring night.

Yet the cup of sore affliction
Drank His children, their conviction
Of the light turned contradiction—
In the night.

CHORUS: In the hapless hour of night.

Then new light Jehovah spendeth,
 Faithful servants then He sendeth,
 And, lo! all their sorrow endeth
 In the night.

CHORUS: Into day He changed the night.

And His people liberated
 Saw the Lord in light clad,
 Words of fire sound unabated
 Into night.

CHORUS: Into earth's dejected night.

Yet God's precepts were not heeded,
 And the world's false claims conceded,
 Till the Lord their course impeded
 In the night.

CHORUS: In the dreadful hour of night.

But the holy watchmen clinging
 To the truth, their words sent ringing,
 Which to men the light were bringing
 In their night.

CHORUS: In their dense and hopeless night.

And God's wonder was repeated,
 He again the foes defeated,
 Who His people had ill-treated
 In the night.

CHORUS: Into day He changed the night.

Then their victory solemnizing,
 Hymns of thanks and praise were rising,
 And their fires were signaling
 The dark night.

CHORUS: Lighting up the heart of night.

Yet the night of night encroaches.
 Israel all the world reproaches!
 Forced by darkness, it approaches
 Deepest night.

CHORUS: Yea, the deepest dread of night.

Jacob's little band then, wailing,
 Unto God confessed their failing,
 Though at first cried unavailing
 From their night.

CHORUS: From their never ending night.

And at heaven's awful portal
 Now knocked each despairing mortal
 Trusting in his stay immortal—
 In the night.

CHORUS: In the dark uncertain night.

Then God's mercy ever waking
 Saw at last their weeping, quaking:
 At His word the day was breaking
 After night.

CHORUS: Into day He changed the night.

And He said: leave now your grieving,
 Lo, my love, your fears relieving,
 Ye shall own in glad believing
 After night.

CHORUS: Past is now your sorrow's night.

Thou of light the great Creator,
 Father, Guide, and Liberator,
 Further be light's Dispensator
 In earth's night.

CHORUS: In the gropings of earth's night.

Help the day to full ingressions!
 Help Thy love to full accession!
 That no man shall know oppression!
 In this night.

CHORUS: In despair's enslaving night.

Thy pure light, the darkness braving,
 Thy true word which men is saving,
 And Thy glory we are craving
 In our night.

CHORUS: Into midday change midnight!

CONCLUSION.

(The blessing is said over the fourth cup, thereupon the Father concludes the ceremony with these words:)

THE blessing upon the wine now say,
God be first and last, and aye.
Gladness dwells in every house
Where He doth wish and thanks arouse.
Then thank the Lord whose marvelous grace
We in our every day may trace!
May He who governs without end,
Our needs and all our life attend
From year to year! and what He gave
In mercy to our welfare save!
And what now oppress our heart,
May for ever from us depart!

THE COMPANY:

Yea, what now oppress our heart,
May for ever from us depart!
