

Eternal Power, Whose High Abode

Words: Isaac Watts, 1706.

Music: Edward Miller, 1790.

Eternal power, whose high abode  
Becomes the grandeur of a God,  
Infinite lengths beyond the bounds  
Where stars resolve their little rounds!

The lowest step around Thy seat,  
Rises too high for Gabriels feet;  
In vain the favored angel tries  
To reach Thine height with wondring eyes.

There while the first archangel sings,  
He hides his face behind his wings,  
And ranks of shining thrones around  
Fall worshipping, and spread the ground.

Lord, what shall earth and ashes do?  
We would adore our maker, too;  
From sin and dust to Thee we cry,  
The Great, the Holy, and the High.

Earth from afar has heard Thy fame,  
And worms have learned to lisp Thy name;  
But, O! the glories of Thy mind  
Leave all our soaring thoughts behind.

God is in Heaven, and men below;  
Be short our tunes, our words be few;  
A solemn reverence checks our songs,  
And praise sits silent on our tongues.