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Great first of beings! mighty Lord

1. Great first of beings! mighty Lord Of all this wondrous frame ! Produced by thy creating word, The world from nothing came.

2. Thy voice sent forth the high command, Twas instantly obey'd ;And through thy goodbness all things stand, Which by thy pow'r were made.

3. Lord! for thy glory — shine the whole; They all reflect thy light : For this — in course the planets roll, And day succeeds the night.

4. For this — ^ the sun disperses heatAnd beams of cheering day;And distant stars, in order set.By night thy pow'r display.

5. For this — the earthly produce yields. For this — the waters flow; And blooming plants adorn the fields, And trees aspiring grow.

6. Inspired with praise, our minds pursue This wise and noble end — That all we think, and all we do, Shall to thine honour tend.