

LET all the listening world attend,
And wise instruction hear;
Let high and low, and rich and poor
With joint consent give ear.

- 2 People who all their hope and trust
In wealth and riches place,
And boast and triumph when they see
Their treasure's great increase . . .
- 3 Are yet unable from the grave
Their dearest friends to free;
Nor can their force of bribes reverse
Almighty God's decree.
- 4 Their best endeavours all are vain,
Their pride is held too high;
No sum can purchase such a grant,
That one should never die.
- 5 Their fame is vanished soon away
No matter once how great,
Their memory, and they, with beasts,
Shall share a common fate.
- 6 For every child of man here born,
Unless, by God made wise,
Lives as a beast upon the earth
And as a beast then dies.