

**S**OVEREIGN Ruler of the skies!  
Ever gracious, ever wise!  
All my times are in Thy hand,  
All events at Thy command.

- 2 He that formed me in the womb,  
He shall guide me to the tomb;  
All my times shall ever be  
Ordered by His wise decree.
- 3 Times of sickness, times of health;  
Times of poverty and wealth;  
Times of trial and of grief;  
Times of triumph and relief;
- 4 Times the tempter's power to prove;  
Times to taste a Saviour's love:  
All must come, and last, and end,  
As shall please my heavenly Friend.
- 5 Plagues and deaths around me fly,  
Till He bids I cannot die:  
Not a single shaft can hit  
Till the God of love thinks fit.
- 6 O Thou gracious, wise and just,  
In Thy hands my life I trust:  
Thee, at all times, will I bless;  
Having Thee, I all possess.

*John Ryland, 1753-1825*