

LIGHT of the world, for ever, ever shining,
There is no change in Thee;
True light of life, all joy and health enshrining,
Thou canst not fade nor flee.

- 2 Thou hast arisen, but Thou declinest never;
Today shines as the past;
All Thou hast been, Thou art, and shalt be ever,
Brightness from first to last.
- 3 Night visits not Thy sky, nor storm, nor sadness;
Day fills up all its blue,
Unfailing beauty and unfaltering gladness,
And love for ever new.
- 4 Light of the world, undimming and unsetting,
O shine each mist away!
Banish the fear, the falsehood, and the fretting;
Be our unchanging day.

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89