

O WHEREFORE do the nations rage,
And kings and rulers strive in vain,
Against the Lord of earth and Heaven,
To overthrow Messiah's reign?

2 Their strength is weakness in the sight
Of Him Who sits enthroned above;
He speaks, and judgements fall on them
Who tempt His wrath and scorn His love.

3 By God's decree His Son receives
The nations for His heritage;
The conquering Christ shall surely reign
As King of kings, from age to age.

4 Be wise, you rulers of the earth,
And serve the Lord with godly fear;
With reverent joy confess the Son
While yet in mercy He is near.

5 Delay not, lest His anger rise,
And you should perish in your way;
Lo, all that put their trust in Him
Are blest for all eternity.