

# Once to Every Man and Nation

Choose you this day whom ye will serve. Joshua 24:15

1. Once to ev - ery man and na - tion Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,  
 2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, When we share her wretch - ed crust,  
 3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Christ, Thy bleed - ing feet we track;  
 4. Tho' the cause of e - vil pros - per, Yet the truth a - lone is strong;

In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the good or e - vil side;  
 Ere her cause bring fame and prof - it, And 'tis pros - p'rous to be just;  
 Toil - ing up new Cal - v'ries ev - er With the cross that turns not back.  
 Tho' her por - tion be the scaf - fold, And up - on the throne be wrong,

Some great cause, some great de - ci - sion, Of - f'ring each the bloom or blight,  
 Then it is the brave man choos - es While the cow - ard stands a - side,  
 New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties; An - cient val - ues test our youth.  
 Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, And, be - hind the dim un - known,

And the choice goes by for - ev - er 'Twixt that dark - ness and that light.  
 Till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue Of the faith they had de - nied.  
 They must up - ward still and on - ward, Who would keep a - breast of truth.  
 Stand - eth God, with - in the shad - ow, Keep - ing watch a - bove His own.

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