The Radiant Sun, Declining

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Moderato con moto.

1. The radiant sun, declining, Will soon have pass’d away,
   And silver stars outshining Make but as transient stay:
   O Light! all light excelling, When sun or stars decline,
   (Shine forth) Shine forth, our gloom dispelling With light and joy divine.

2. Like sunbeams, quickly flying Before the dusky night,
   Or stars’ fair luster, dying With morning’s clear light,
   So, swift beyond our measure, Life’s little day speeds on; (A moment’s fleeting pleasure)
   (A moment) A moment’s fleeting pleasure And light and life are gone.

3. Thou, who in human fashion DIdst render up Thy breath,
   And by Thy bitter Passion Destroy the sting of death,
   When life’s brief day is over Its toil, its care and sin- (Open) Open Thine arms of mercy, And take the weary in.
   (Open) Open Thine arms of mercy, And take the weary in.

4. O Savior, be Thou near us Till all our toil is o’er.
   Till heav’nly light shall cheer us, And night return no more.
   So, to the life immortal, With joy we’ll haste again; (Shine forth) Shine forth, our gloom dispelling With light and joy divine.
   (And pass) And pass thru death’s dark portal To never-ending day.

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