The Radiant Sun, Declining

Moderato con moto.

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

2. Like sun-beams, quickly flying
Before the dusk’y night,
Or stars’ fair luster, dying
With morning’s clearer light,
So, swift beyond our measure,
When life’s brief day is over
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 Thine arms of mercy,
And take the weary in.

4. O Savior, be Thou near us
Till all our toil is o’er,
And night return no more.
Till heav’nly light shall cheer us,
With joy we’ll haste a-way
And pass thru death’s dark portal
To never-ending day.

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