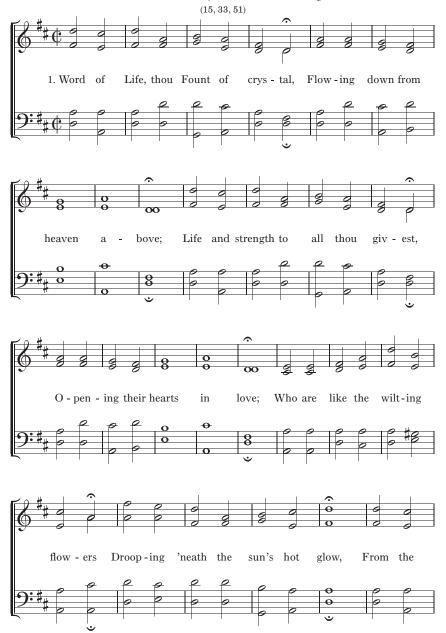
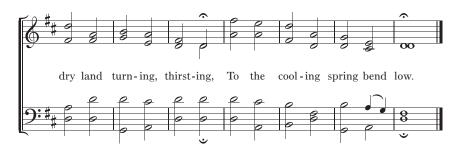
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- 2. What is all this world without thee? A benighted, dreary vale. What is heav'n above without thee? A deserted banquet-hall. What is life on earth without thee? Gloomy death, forever new. What is dying here without thee? Night, without the morning's glow.
- 3. Word of Life, thou truly lightest And thou warmest us anew; Heaven's kingdom thou revealest, And the realm of Satan too: Terribly thou wakest sinners From their dull and slothful rest; But thou also gently hidest Sins repented and confessed.
- 4. At a Judge we learn to tremble, Who doth weigh with righteous scales; And to love a heav'nly Father Whose long-suffering prevails; Who in love His Sole-begotten For us as an off'ring gave, Who in Him transgression judgeth, And through Him doth sinners save.
- 5. Word of Life, to all who heed thee, Thou dost promise endless rest; Yet all they alone who keep thee With this treasure shall be blest; Therefore I would truly keep thee, Word of God, the Spirit's Sword; Help me here on earth to battle And to win the blest reward!