

Eternity, Thou Joyful Word

1. E - ter - ni - ty, thou joy - ful word, That
 2. The bright - est glo - ry of this earth— For
 3. Then what of e - vils that may come, What

so much quick - ening doth af - ford, Be - gin - ning with - out
 time a - lone it has its birth, Then to - tal - ly de -
 of dis - tress—of mar - tyr - dom, Of tri - als or af -

end - ing! E - ter - ni - ty, joy with - out pain! My
 cay - eth. E - ter - ni - ty— it hath no goal, Its
 flic - tion? Though all of these were on us laid, Yet

heart for glad - ness doth not deign To know the
 light, its glad - ness for the soul, Un - change - a -
 when up - on life's bal - ance weighed, They prove but

world's of - fend - - ing, Be - cause what here might
 ble it stay - - eth! The Word of God most
 this con - vic - - tion: The glo - ry of e -

sad - den me Is sweet - ened by e - ter - ni - ty.
 tru - ly saith: E - ter - ni - ty shall know no death!
 ter - nal life By far out - weighs all earth - ly strife!

4. When we the host of those behold
 Who there must suffer pain untold
 And everlasting anguish;
 Though doomed to death they never die
 But in their bitter torment cry,
 As in the fire they languish—
 How great the glory then shall be
 From this to be forever free!

5. With God above, the ransomed throng
 Shall dwell unnumbered ages long
 Forever young in spirit;
 Angelic gladness theirs shall be
 As they behold Christ's majesty
 And all His peace inherit;
 For there they shall be satisfied,
 With heav'nly manna well supplied!

6. Oh, how I'm longing there to be!
 My fainting heart cries out for Thee,
 O Life, with tender yearning!
 When shall I reach thee, blessèd goal,
 To which each day my waiting soul
 Is ever, ever turning?
 The world and all I will despise
 Thy joys at last to realize!