

When God Wrought the World's Creation

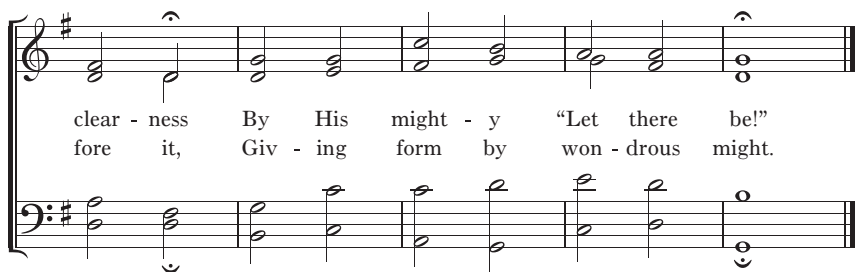
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1. When God wrought the world's cre - a - tion,
2. Earth in cha - os lay, un - bound - ed,

His own Word caused its for - ma - tion Out of
Till our Mak - er's voice forth sound - ed, Till He

calm e - ter - ni - ty. Lo, the earth was
said: "Let there be light!" God's own Spir - it

void and form - less, Till He brought forth light and
brood - ed o'er it, Stir - ring, mov - ing all be -



3. God the Lord all things created
That on earth are situated;
Lastly He created man,
In the likeness of his Maker,
And of glory a partaker,
Who to rule the earth began.

4. But alas! man soon transgressèd
And thus lost his Eden blessèd;
He believed not God's true Word;
Stubbornly refused to hear it,
Spurned the leading of the Spirit,
And would not obey the Lord.

5. God pronounced on man the sentence,
For his sin and disobedience
And his scorn of grace and faith!
Then to cleanse the earth of sinning
And to make a new beginning
He decreed a healing bath.

6. All bold sinners, helpless, crying,
In the Deluge dread were dying;
Buried in one wat'ry grave.
Death, begotten of transgression,
Comes to them, without compassion,
And no one is found to save.

7. One alone did heed the warning—
One just man—true wisdom learning
From the teaching of God's Word.
Noah, by God's hand delivered,
With his wife and children entered
In the cov'nant with the Lord.

8. This example is reflected
In the Lord and His elected,
Of the cov'nant new the heirs.
Those from death He did deliver,
Living here and dying never,
Since baptismal grace is theirs.