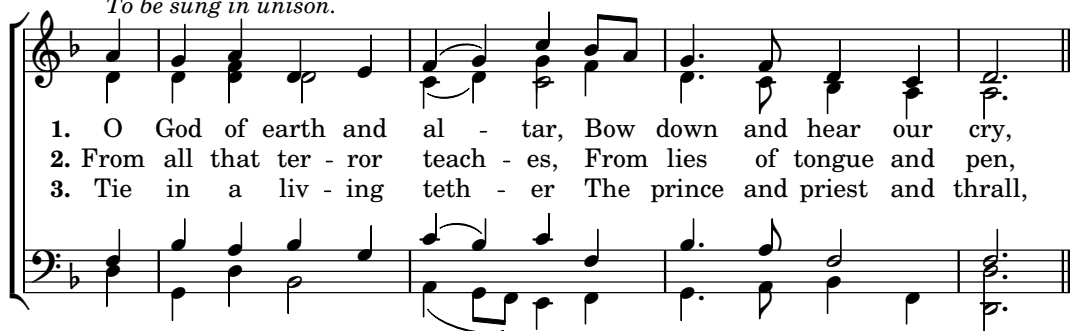


O GOD OF EARTH AND ALTAR

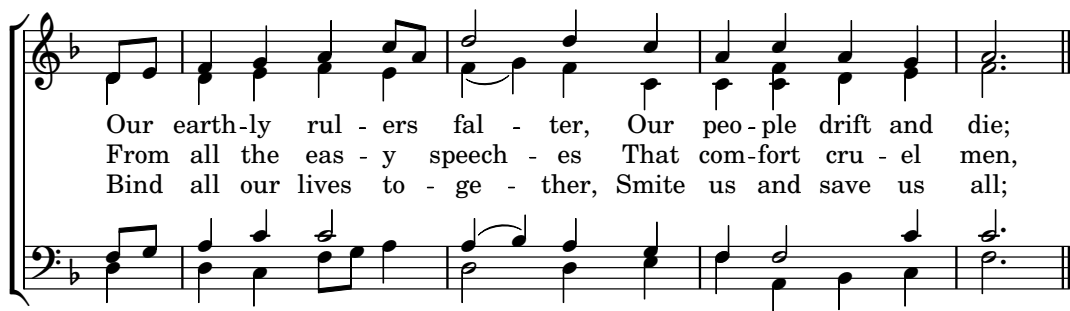
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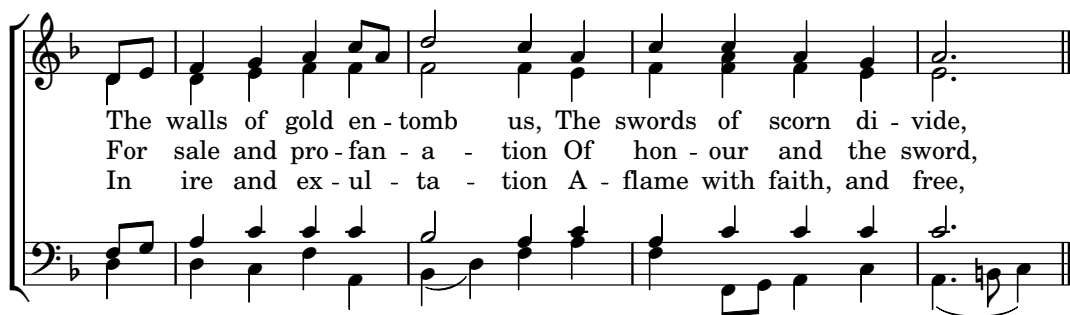
To be sung in unison.



1. O God of earth and al - tar, Bow down and hear our cry,
2. From all that ter - ror teach - es, From lies of tongue and pen,
3. Tie in a liv - ing teth - er The prince and priest and thrall,



Our earth-ly rul - ers fal - ter, Our peo-ple drift and die;
From all the eas - y speech - es That com-fort cru - el men,
Bind all our lives to - ge - ther, Smite us and save us all;



The walls of gold en - tomb us, The swords of scorn di - vide,
For sale and pro - fan - a - tion Of hon - our and the sword,
In ire and ex - ul - ta - tion A - flame with faith, and free,



Take not Thy thun - der from us, But take a - way our pride.
From sleep and from dam - na - tion, De - li - ver us, good lord.
Lift up a liv - ing na - tion, A sin - gle sword to thee.