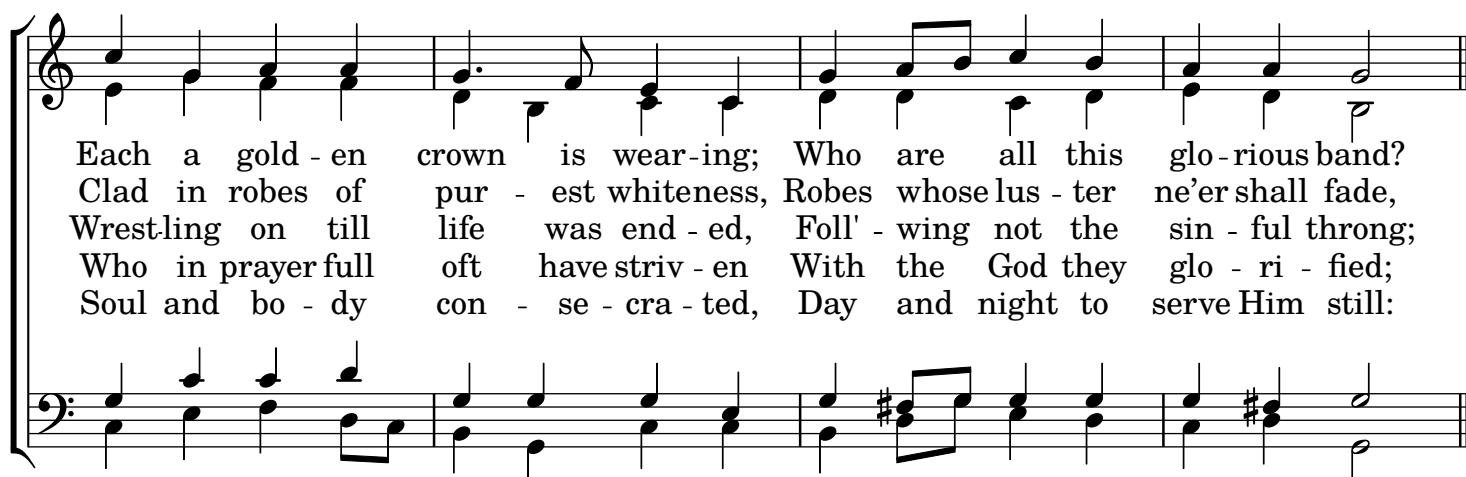


1. Who are these, like stars ap - pear - ing, These be - fore God's throne who stand?
 2. Who are these of daz - zing brightness, These in God's own truth ar - rayed,
 3. These are they who have con - tend - ed For their Sa - vior's ho - nor long,
 4. These are they whose hearts were riv - en, Sore with woe and an - guish tried,
 5. These, like priests, have watched and wait - ed, Off - ring up to Christ their will;



Each a gold - en crown is wear - ing; Who are all this glo - rious band?
 Clad in robes of pur - est whiteness, Robes whose lus - ter ne'er shall fade,
 Wrest - ling on till life was end - ed, Foll' - wing not the sin - ful throng;
 Who in prayer full oft have striv - en With the God they glo - ri - fied;
 Soul and bo - dy con - se - cra - ted, Day and night to serve Him still:



Al - le - lu - ia! Hark, they sing, Prais - ing loud their heav'n - ly King.
 Ne'er be touched by time's rude hand - Whence come all this glo - rious band?
 These who well the fight sus - tained, Tri - umph through the Lamb have gained.
 Now, their pain - ful con - flict o'er, God has bid them weep no more.
 Now in God's most ho - ly place Blest they stand be - fore His face.

Wer sind die vor Gottes Throne
 T.H. Schenk, 1719; tr. F.E. Cox, 1841, 1864