

475 Once to Every Man and Nation

If the Lord is God, follow Him. 1 Kings 18:21

1. Once to ev - ery man and na - tion Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
 2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, When we share her wretch - ed crust,
 3. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, Yet the truth a - lone is strong;

In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the good or e - vil side;
 Ere her cause bring fame and prof - it, And 'tis pros - p'rous to be just;
 Though her por - tion be the scaf - fold, And up - on the throne be wrong,

Some great cause, some great de - ci - sion, Of - f'ring each the bloom or blight,
 Then it is the brave man choos - es While the cow - ard stands a - side,
 Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, And, be - hind the dim un - known,

And the choice goes by for - ev - er 'Twixt that dark - ness and that light.
 Till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue Of the faith they had de - nied.
 Stand - eth God with - in the shad - ow, Keep - ing watch a - bove His own. A - men.

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