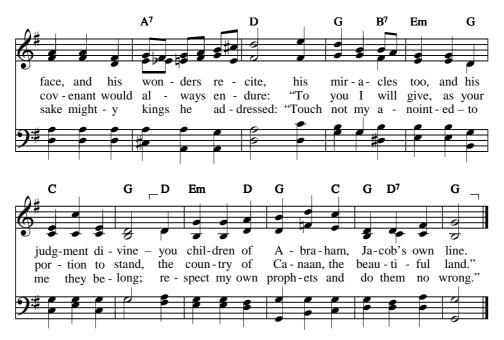


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- 4 The LORD called down famine upon the whole land; their food was destroyed at his sovereign command. But he sent beforehand, his people to save, his chosen one, Joseph, sold off as a slave. His feet within shackles of bronze were confined, his neck put in irons; for freedom he pined. The word of the LORD was a test to be passed till what he foretold was accomplished at last.
- 5 The king sent an order to let him go free; the ruler of nations gave him liberty.

 He put him in charge of his house and his lands; his princes and elders obeyed his commands.

 Then Israel came down into Egypt to stay, in Ham's land to sojourn for many a day.

 The LORD caused his people to prosper and grow, and so they were seen as a threat to their foe.
- 6 He turned the Egyptians against Israèl, and caused them to plot his own servants to kill. Then Moses and Aaron, his chosen, he sent; performing his wonders, to Egypt they went. Because the Egyptians despised his command, he sent utter darkness to cover the land. Their waters and rivers he turned into blood; the fish of the Nile were destroyed by the LORD.



