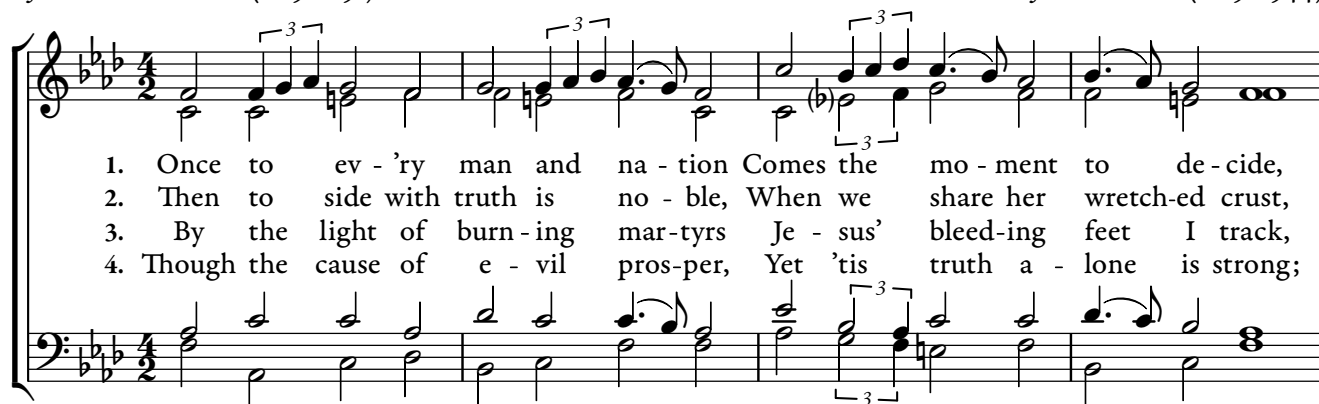


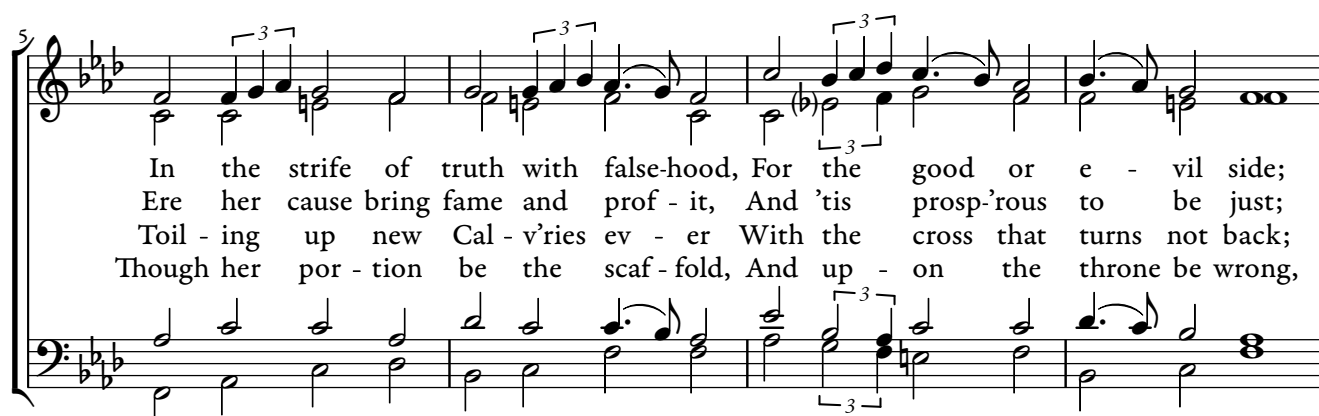
ONCE TO EVERY MAN AND NATION

James Russell Lowell (1819-1891)

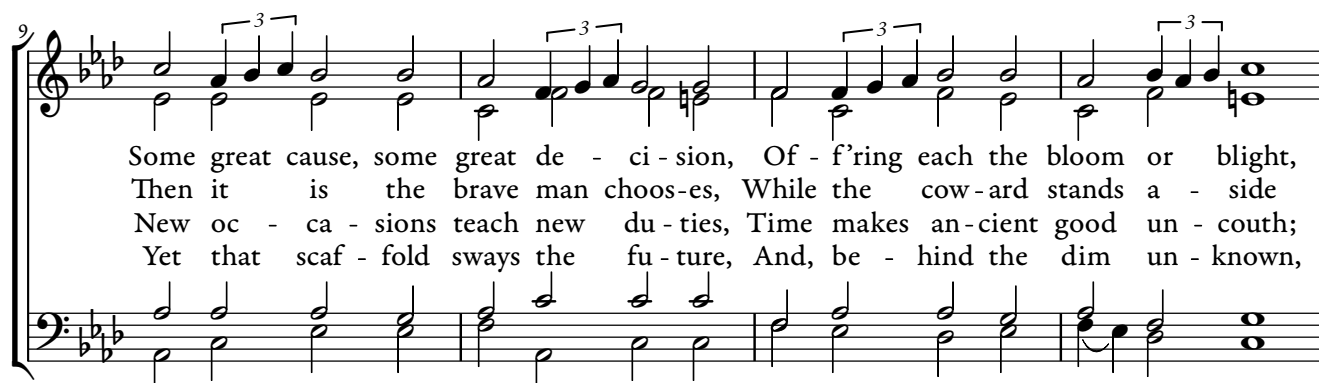
Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)



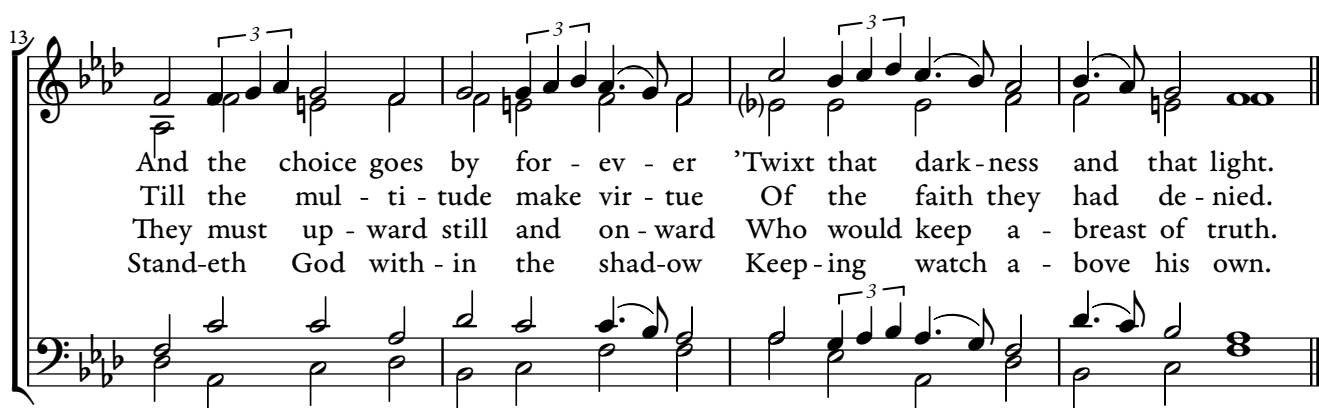
1. Once to ev-'ry man and na-tion Comes the mo-moment to de-cide,
 2. Then to side with truth is no-ble, When we share her wretch-ed crust,
 3. By the light of burn-ing mar-tyrs Je-sus' bleed-ing feet I track,
 4. Though the cause of e-vil pros-per, Yet 'tis truth a-lone is strong;



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 prosp-'rous to be just;
 Toil-ing up new Cal-v'ries ev-er With the cross that turns not back;
 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
 New oc-ca-sions teach new du-ties, Time makes an-cient good un-couth;
 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.
 They must up-ward still and on-ward Who would keep a-breast of truth.
 Stand-eth God with-in the shad-ow Keep-ing watch a-bove his own.