

O God of Earth and Altar

Chesterton / KING'S LYNN

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,

1. our earth - ly rul - ers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
2. from all the eas - y speech - es that com - fort cru - el men,
3. bind all our lives to - geth - er, smite us and save us all;

1. the walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide,
2. from sale and pro - fan - a - tion of hon - our and the sword,
3. in ire and ex - ult - a - tion a - flame with faith and free,

1. take not thy thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
2. from sleep and from damn - a - tion, de - liv - er us, good Lord!
3. lift up a liv - ing na - tion, a sin - gle sword to thee.