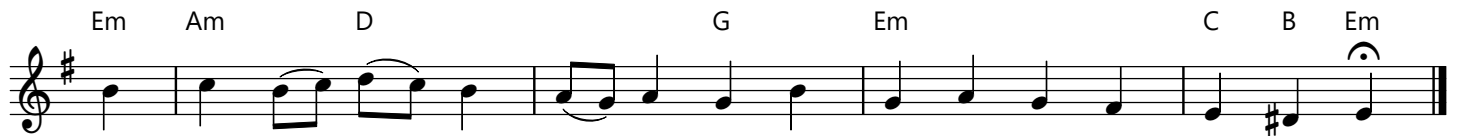


O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light

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1. O heav'n - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten of the Fa - ther's might,
2. Pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our hearts with ar - dent love,
3. And when as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets of our hearts to try,
4. O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en from thy face at last,
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it, ev - er One,



1. who in these lat - ter days wast born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn:
2. that as we hear thy truth to - day all wrong de - sires may burn a - way,
3. to rec - om - pense each hid - den sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin.
4. but with thy saints for ev - er - more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
5. praise, hon - our, might, and glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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