

Eternal Power of earth and air!

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FORTIS MAGNA

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(optional introduction and interlude)

(to be sung largely in unison)

1) Et - er - nal Power, of earth and air! Un - seen, yet seen in all ar - ound;
 2) Then hear me now, while kneel - ing here, I lift to Thee my heart and eye;
 3) Then cold and dark, my spi - rit sinks, to see my light of life dep - art;
 4) If this be vain del - us - ion all, if death be an et - er - nal sleep

1) Re - mote, but dwell - ing ev - ery - where; though sil - ent heard in ev - ery sound;
 2) And all my soul asc - ends in prayer, Oh, give me, give me faith! I cry.
 3) And ev - ery friend of Hell meth - inks, enEn - joys the an - guish of my heart.
 4) And none can hear my sec - ret call, or see the sil - ent tears I weep!

1) If e'er Thine ear in mer - cy lent, when wret - ched mor - tals cried to Thee,
 2) While faith is with me, I am blest; it turns my dark - est night to day;
 3) What shall I do if all my love, my hopes, my toil, are cast aw - ay,
 4) O help me God! for Thou al - one canst my dis - trac - ted soul rel - ieve;

1) And if in - deed, Thy Son was sent, to save lost sin - ners such as me;
 2) But while I - clasp it to my breast, I of - ten feel it slide aw - ay.
 3) And if there be no God ab - ove, to hear and bless me while I pray?
 4) For - sake it not, it is Thy own, though weak, yet long - ing to bel - ieve.