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1 A GLADSOME hymn of praise we sing, And thankfully we gather, To bless the love of God above, Our everlasting Father.

> In Him rejoice with heart and voice, Whose glory fadeth never, Whose providence is our defence,

Who lives and loves for ever.

2 From shades of night He calls the light. And from the sod the flower; From every cloud His blessings

> break, In sunshine or in shower.

3 Full in His sight His children stand, By His strong arm defended; And He whose wisdom guides the world. Our footsteps hath attended.

4 For nothing falls unknown to Him Or care or joy or sorrow; And He whose mercy ruled the past, Will be our stay to-morrow.

5 Then praise the Lord with one accord.

To His great name give glory, And of His never-changing love Repeat the wondrous story. Ambrose Nichols Blatchford, 1842-1924.