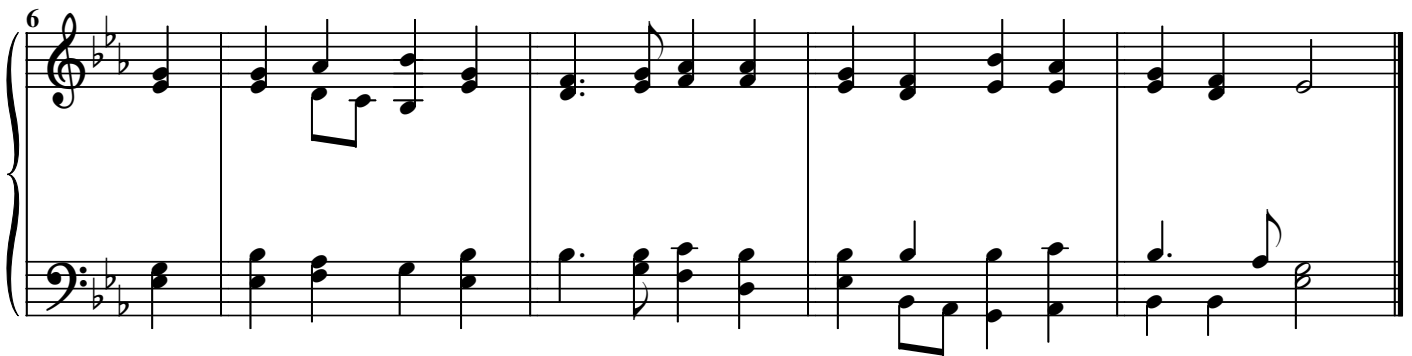
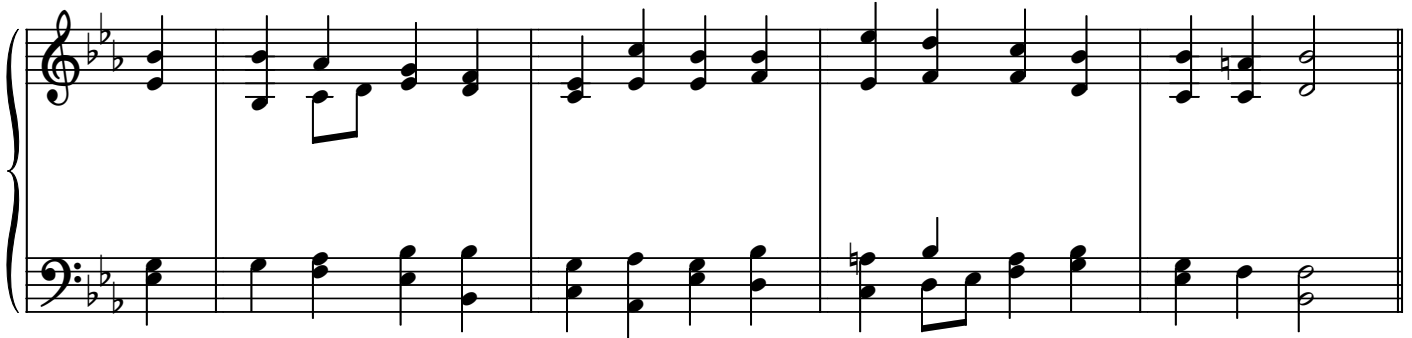


# O love of God, how strong and true!

Samuel Webbe, 1782

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O love of God, how strong and true!  
Eternal, and yet ever new;  
Uncomprehended and unbought,  
Beyond all knowledge and all thought.

We read thy power to bless and save,  
E'en in the darkness of the grave;  
Still more in resurrection light,  
We read the fullness of thy might.

O wide embracing, wondrous love!  
We read thee in the sky above,  
We read thee in the earth below,  
In seas that swell, and streams that flow.

O love of God, our shield and stay  
Through all the perils of our way!  
Eternal love, in thee we rest  
Forever safe, forever blest.

We read thee best in Him who came  
To bear for us the cross of shame;  
Sent by the Father from on high,  
Our life to live, our death to die.

Horatius Bonar