



2. The mighty voice bade ancient night Her endless realms resign ; And, lo, ten thousand globes of light In fields of azure shine.
Nowwisdom, with superior sway, Guides the vast moving frame; While all the ranks of beings pay Deep reverence to His name.
3. He spake:the sun obedient stood, And held the falling day: Old Jordan backward drives his flood, And disappoints the sea. Lord of the armies of the sky, He marshals all the stars:
Red comets lift their banners high, And wide proclaim His wars.
4. Chained to the throne, a volume lies With all the fates of men;
With every angel's form and size, Drawn by eternal pen. .His providence unfolds the book.. And makes His counsels shine; Each opening leaf, and every stroke Fulfils some deep design.
5. Here He exalts neglected worms To scepters and a crown; Anon the following page he turns, And treads the monarch down. Not Gabriel asks the reason why, Nor God the reason gives;
Nor dares the favorite angel pry
Between the folded leaves.
6. My God, I never longed to see My fate with curious eyes; What gloomy lines are writ for me, Or what bright scenes shall rise. In thy fair book of life and grace, May I but find my name Recorded in some humble place, Beneath my Lord, the Lamb!

