

O GOD OF EARTH AND ALTAR

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GARDENVALE. 7.6.7.6.

Choir & Org.

O God of earth and al - tar, Bow down and hear our cry, Our earth - ly ru - lers

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fal - ter, Our peo - ple drift and die, The walls of gold en - tomb us, The swords of scorn di -

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vide, Take not thy thun - der from us, But take a - way our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
From lies of tongue and pen,
From all the easy speeches
That comfort cruel men,
From sale and profanation
Of honour, and the sword,
From sleep and from damnation,
Deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether
The prince and priest and thrall,
Bind all our lives together,
Smite us and save us all;
In ire and exultation
Aflame with faith, and free,
Lift up a living nation,
A single sword to thee.