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## Before the day draws near its ending

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1 Before the day draws near its ending,  
And evening steals o'er earth and sky,  
Once more to Thee our hymns ascending  
Shall speak Thy praises, Lord Most High.

2 O Light all clear, O Truth most holy,  
O boundless Mercy pardoning all,  
Before Thy feet, abashed and lowly,  
With one last prayer Thy children fall.

3 When we no more on earth adore Thee,  
And others worship here in turn,  
O may we sing that song before Thee,  
Which none but Thy redeemed can learn.