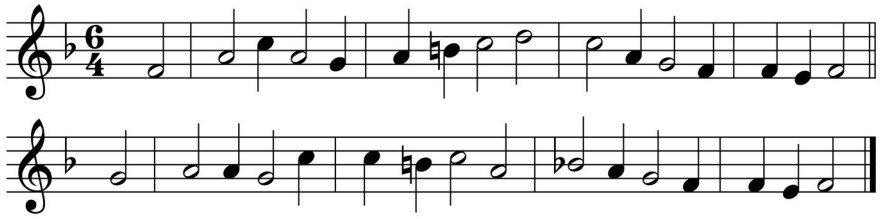
O saving Victim, opening wide Hymnal 1982 no. 310
Melody: Herr Jesu Christ (rhythmic version from no. 3) L.M.



O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to us below,
our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee.

Words: Attributed to Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274), translated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)
Music: Melody from *Cantionale Germanicum*, 1628, harmony from *Gothaisches Cantional*, 1651