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SERVICE and strength, God's angels and archangels; His seraphs fires, and lamps his cherubim: Glory to God from highest and from lowest, Glory to God in everlasting hymn

From all his creatures.

2 Princes that serve, and Powers that work his pleasure, Heights that soar toward him, depths that sink toward him; Flames fire out-flaming, chill beside his essence; Insight all-probing, save where scant and dim

Toward its Creator.

3 Sacred and free, exultant in God's pleasure, His will their solace, thus they wait on him, And shout their shout of ecstasy eternal,

And shout their shout of ecstasy eternal, And trim their splendours that they burn not dim Toward their Creator.

4. Wherefore with angels, wherefore with archangels, With lofty cherubs, loftier seraphim, We laud and magnify our God almighty, And veil our faces rendering love to him

With all his creatures.

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