

John Needham, 1768
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Alabama

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Oliver Holden, 1800

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Alabama'. It consists of four staves. The top staff is the vocal line, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The second staff is a piano accompaniment line, also in treble clef. The third staff is another piano accompaniment line, in treble clef. The bottom staff is a bass line, in bass clef. The music is in common time (C). The lyrics are written below the second staff. There are measure numbers 5 and 10 marked above the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. Hark! 'Tis the trumpet's piercing sound: The rising dead assemble round; In long procession see they come, Each to receive his righteous doom.

2. The heart, dejected, sighs to know,
Why vice triumphant reigns below;
Why saints have fall'n in ev'ry age,
The victims of tyrannic rage.

3. Fast roll successive years away;
Fast hastens on th' important day,
When, to th' astonish'd world's surprise,
God's high tribunal shall arise.

4 Lo! there, a vile, degenerate race;
Pale terror sits on ev'ry face:
Here, on the right, a joyful band,
The sons of suff'ring virtue stand.

5. The sentence pass'd, lo! these arise
To bliss and glory in the skies:
While those, who once stood high in fame,
Sink to contempt, remorse, and shame.

6. Thus shall God's government appear
Without a shade, divinely fair;
And blushing doubts, with joy, confess,
The Lord's a God of righteousness.