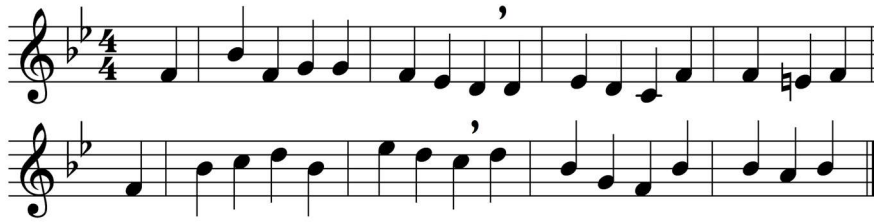


Before the Lord's eternal throne Hymnal 1982 no. 391 Melody: Winchester New L.M.



Before the Lord's eternal throne,  
ye nations, bow with sacred joy;  
know that the Lord is God alone;  
he can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign power without our aid  
formed us of clay and gave us breath;  
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,  
he saved us from the power of death.

We are his people, we his care,  
our souls, and all our mortal frame:  
what lasting honors shall we rear,  
almighty Maker, to thy Name?

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,  
high as the heaven our voices raise;  
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is thy command,  
vast as eternity thy love;  
firm as a rock thy truth must stand,  
when rolling years shall cease to move.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Adapted from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch* (Hamburg, 1690), harmony by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)