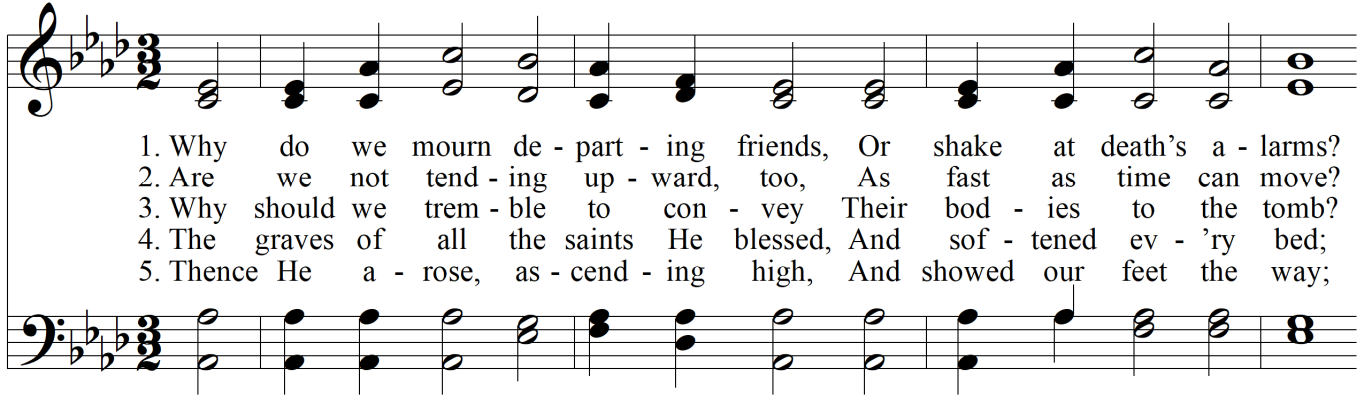
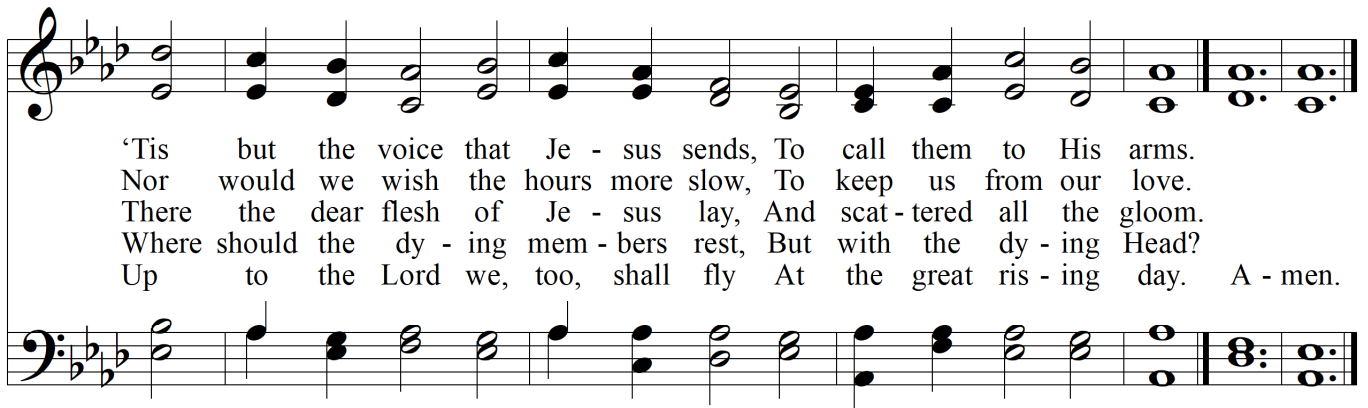


Why Do We Mourn Departing Friends?

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1. Why do we mourn de - part - ing friends, Or shake at death's a - larms?
2. Are we not tend - ing up - ward, too, As fast as time can move?
3. Why should we trem - ble to con - vey Their bod - ies to the tomb?
4. The graves of all the saints He blessed, And sof - tened ev - 'ry bed;
5. Thence He a - rose, as - cend - ing high, And showed our feet the way;



'Tis but the voice that Je - sus sends, To call them to His arms.
Nor would we wish the hours more slow, To keep us from our love.
There the dear flesh of Je - sus lay, And scat - tered all the gloom.
Where should the dy - ing mem - bers rest, But with the dy - ing Head?
Up to the Lord we, too, shall fly At the great ris - ing day. A - men.

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