

Now, on land and sea descending

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1859

Music: John A. Stevenson, 1818

VESPER HYMN 87.87.86.87

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 2/2 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with notes often beamed in pairs. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with line numbers 1 through 4 indicating different verses. The score is divided into four systems, each with a new line of music and lyrics.

1 Now, on land and sea de-scend-ing, brings the night its peace pro-found.
2 Soon as dies the sun - set glo - ry, stars of heav'n shine out a - bove,
3 Now, our wants and bur - dens leav - ing to our God who cares for all,
4 As the dark-ness deep - ens o'er us, lo! E - ter - nal stars a - rise.

Let our ves - per hymn be blend - ing with the ho - ly calm a - round.
tell - ing still the an - cient sto - ry - their Cre - a - tor's end - less love.
cease we fear - ing, cease we griev - ing; touched by God our bur - dens fall.
Hope and faith and love rise glo - rious, shin - ing in the Spir - it's skies.

Ju - bi - la - te! Ju - bi - la - te! Ju - bi - la - te! A - men!

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