Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise



5 As he of old deceived the world And into sin and death has hurled, So now he subtly lies in wait To undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes, No halt nor rest he ever knows; He seeks the Christians to devour And slay them in his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band That follows Christ on ev'ry hand To guard His people where they go And break the counsel of the foe. 8 For this, now and in days to be, Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the angel hosts adore With grateful songs forevermore.

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