A Glance from Heav'n, with Sweet Effect

Doh is Eb · 4/4 Tune: MELCOMBE

| s - | s - f - m - r - | d - l - s - s - |
A Glance from heav'n, with sweet effect, So-

| d' - t - l - s - | s - fe - s - m - |
metimes my pen- sive spirit cheers; But,

| m - f - s - m - | r - m - f - f - |
ere I can my thoughts collect, As

| m - r - s - f - | m - r - d - |
suddenly it disappears.

The other verses

2 So lightning in the gloom of night,
Affords a momentary day;
Disclosing objects full in sight,
Which soon as seen, are snatched away.

3 Ah! what avail these pleasing scenes!
They do but aggravate my pain;
While darkness quickly intervenes,
And swallows up my joys again.

4 But shall I murmur at relief?
Though short, it was a precious view;
Sent to control my unbelief,
And prove that what I read is true.

5 The lightning's flash did not create
The op'ning prospect it revealed;
But only showed the real state
Of what the darkness had concealed.

6 Just so, we by a glimpse discern
The glorious things within the veil;
That when in darkness, we may learn
To live by faith, till light prevail.

7 The Lord's great day will soon advance,
Dispersing all the shades of night;
Then we no more shall need a glance,
But see by an eternal Light.

Tune MELCOMBE by Samuel Webbe (1740–1816); words by John Newton (1725–1807). Public domain: free to print, copy and sing. Solfa written by NoteFusion's engine from the hymn's notes.