O Thou, Whose Presence Went Before

Doh is Eb · 4/4 Tune: MELCOMBE

| s - | s - f - m - r - | d - l - s - s - |
O Thou, whose presence went before Our

| d' - t - l - s - | s - fe - s - m - |
fathers in their weary way, As

| m - f - s - m - | r - m - f - f - |
with Thy chosen moved of yore The

| m - r - s - f - | m - r - d - |
fire by night, the cloud by day!

The other verses

2 When, from each temple of the free,
A nation's song ascends to heaven,
Most holy Father, unto Thee
Now let our humble prayer be given.

3 Sweet peace be here; and hope and love
Be round us as a mantle thrown,
As unto Thee, supreme above,
The knee of prayer is bowed alone.

4 And grant, O Father, that the time
Of earth's deliverance may be near,
When every land, and tongue, and clime,
The message of Thy love shall hear; —

5 When, smitten as with fire from heaven,
The captive's chain shall sink in dust,
And to his fettered soul be given
The glorious freedom of the just.

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