Oft in Vain the Voice of Truth

Doh is F · 4/4 Tune: MESSIAH (HERALD)

| m - - r d - d - | f - - m r - - - |
Oft in vain the voice of truth,

| s - - l l - s - | m - d - r - - - |
Solemnly and loudly warns;

| m - - r d - d - | f - - m r - - - |
Thoughtless, inex- perienced youth,

| s - - l s - m - | r - - d d - - - |
Though it hears, the warning scorns:

| t, - - d r - f - | m - - r d - - - |
Youth in fancy's glass surveys

| r - - m f - l - | s - - f m - - - |
Life prolonged to distant years;

| m - - r d - d - | f - - m r - - - |
While the vast, i- magined space,

| s - - l s - m - | r - - d d - - - |
Filled with sweets and joys appears.

The other verses

2 Aweful disappointment, soon
Overclouds the prospect gay!
Some their sun goes down at noon,
Torn by death's strong hand away:
Where are then their pleasing schemes?
Where the joys they hoped to find?
Gone for ever, like their dreams,
Leaving not a trace behind.

3 Others, who are spared awhile,
Live to weep o'er fancy's cheat;
Find distress, and pain, and toil,
Bitter things instead of sweet:
Sin has spread a curse around,
Poisoned all things here below;
On this base polluted ground,
Peace and joy can never grow.

4 Grace alone can cure our ills,
Sweeten life, with all its cares;
Regulate our stubborn wills,
Save us from surrounding snares
Though you oft have heard in vain,
Former years in folly spent;
Grace invites you yet again,
Once more calls you to repent.

5 Called again, at length, beware,
Hear the Savior's voice, and live;
Lest he in his wrath should swear,
He no more will warning give:
Pray, that you may hear and feel,
Ere the day of grace be past;
Lest your hearts grow hard as steel,
Or this year should prove your last.

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