The Past Is Dark with Sin and Shame

Doh is C · 4/4 Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

| s - | d' - s - l - l - | s - f - m - m - |
The past is dark with sin and shame, The

| f - m - r - s - | s - fe - s - s - |
future dim with doubt and fear; But,

| d' - r' - m' - d' - | f' - m' - r' - m' - |
Father, yet we praise thy name, Whose

| d' - l - s - d' - | d' - t - d' - |
guardian love is always near!

The other verses

2 For man has striven ages long
With faltering steps to come to thee,
And in each purpose high and strong
The influence of thy grace could see.

3 He could not breathe an earnest prayer
But thou wert kinder than he dreamed,
As age by age brought hopes more fair,
And nearer still thy kingdom seemed.

4 But never rose within his breast,
A trust so calm and deep as now;
Shall not the weary find a rest?
Father! Preserver! answer thou!

5 'Tis dark around, 'tis dark above,
But through the shadow streams the sun;
We cannot doubt thy certain love,
And man's great aim shall yet be won!

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