While Joshua Led the Armed Bands

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While Joshua led the armed bands. Of

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Israel forth to war; Mo-

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ses apart with lifted hands En-

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gaged in humble prayer.

The other verses

2 The armed bands had quickly failed,
And perished in the fight;
If Moses' prayer had not prevailed
To put the foes to flight.

3 When Moses' hands through weakness dropped,
The warriors fainted too;
Israel's success at once was stopped,
And Am'lek bolder grew.

4 A people, always prone to boast,
Were taught by this suspense,
That not a num'rous armed host,
But God was their defence.

5 We now of fleets and armies vaunt,
And ships and men prepare;
But men like Moses most we want,
To save the state by prayer.

6 Yet, Lord, we hope thou hast prepared
A hidden few today;
(The nation's secret strength and guard)
To weep, and mourn, and pray.

7 O hear their prayers and grant us aid,
Bid war and discord cease;
Heal the sad breach which sin has made,
And bless us all with peace.

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