While Yet the Youthful Spirit Bears

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While yet the youthful spirit

| m - - - m - - - | m - m - r - d - |
bears The image of its

| f - m - r - - - | d - - - r - m - |
God within, And unef-

| r - d - l, - t, - | d - - - s - - - |
faced that beauty wears, Which

| m - d - r - f - | m - r - d - - - |
may too soon be stained by sin;

The other verses

2 Then is the time for faith and love
To take in charge their precious care, —
Teach the young heart to look above,
Teach the young lips to speak in prayer.

3 The world will come with care and crime,
And tempt too oft that heart astray;
Still the seed sown in early time
Shall not be wholly cast away.

4 The infant prayer, the infant hymn,
Within the darkened soul will rise,
When age's weary eye is dim,
And the grave's shadow round us lies.

5 The infant hymn is heard again,
The infant prayer is breathed once more;
Reclasping thus the broken chain,
We turn to all we loved before.

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