

The Day Is Gently Sinking

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Hymn 349
Hymnal: according to the use of the
Protestant Episcopal Church in the
United States of America 1871

Music by
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Andante
p Soprano Solo

The day is gen - tly sink - ing to a close, Faint - er and
yet more faint the sun - light glows; O Bright - ness of Thy Fa - ther's glo - ry,
Thou E - ter - nal Light of Light, be with us now; Where Thou art

7

13

f *p*

p

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano Solo) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Andante'. The first system starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The second system begins at measure 7. The third system begins at measure 13 and features a forte (*f*) dynamic for the vocal line and a piano (*p*) dynamic for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'The day is gently sinking to a close, Fainter and yet more faint the sunlight glows; O Brightness of Thy Father's glory, Thou Eternal Light of Light, be with us now; Where Thou art'.

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19 *cresc.* *f* *f*

pre - sent dark - ness can - not be; Mid - night is glo - rious noon, O Lord, with

25 *p* *p* *p* *p*

Thee. Our change - ful

Our change - ful

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lives are ebb - ing to an end; On - ward to dark - ness and to death we

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tend; O Con - queror of the grave, be Thou our Guide, Be Thou our light in

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44 *pp* *rall.* *Spiritoso*

death's dark e - ven - tide; Then in our mor - tal hour will be no

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pp *rall.* *Spiritoso*

50 *f*

gloom, No sting in death, no ter - ror in the tomb.

gloom, No sting in death, no ter - ror in the tomb.

f

57 *p*

The wea - ry world is mould-'ring to de - cay, lts glo - ries wane, its pag-eants

p

The wea - ry world is mould-'ring to de - cay, lts glo - ries wane, its pag-eants

p

64

fade a - way; In that last sun - set when the stars shall fall,

fade a - way; In that last sun - set when the stars shall fall,

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May we a - rise a - wak - ened by Thy call, With Thee, O Lord, for

May we a - rise a - wak - ened by Thy call, With Thee, O Lord, for

p

76

ev - er to a - bide In that blest day which has no e - ven - tide.

In

ev - er to a - bide In that blest day which has no e - ven - tide.

cresc.