

God is working His purpose out
as year succeeds to year,
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and the time is drawing near,
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God as the waters covers the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west
where human foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God.
'Give ear to Me, ye continents,
ye isles give ear to Me,
that the earth may be filled with the
glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the friendship of all humankind,
the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God
with the banners of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious Gospel of
truth may shine throughout the world.
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the
glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God as the waters cover the sea.