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The Lord is exalted over all the nations. Ps. 113:4

It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;
it is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
it is God who builds his city on the Rock and not on sand:
The living God be praised!

It is God whose purpose summons us to use the present hour;
who recalls us to our senses when a nation's life turns sour;
in the discipline of freedom we shall know his saving power:
The living God be praised!

When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate
those who win our admiration by their service to the State;
when self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great:
The living God be praised!

God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease—
for the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase;
may all races live together, share its riches, be at peace:
The living God be praised!

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