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Softly Now the Light of Day

Seymour. 7.7.7.7.

GEORGE W. DOANE, 1824

Arr. from CARL M. VON WEBER, 1826

1. Soft - ly now the light of day Fades up - on our sight a - way;
 2. Thou, whose all - per - vad - ing eye Nought es - capes, with - out, with - in,
 3. Soon from us the light of day Shall for - ev - er pass a - way;

Free from care, from la - bor free, Lord, we would commune with Thee.
 Par - don each in - fir - mi - ty, O - pen fault, and se - cret sin.
 Then, from sin and sor - row free, Take us, Lord, to dwell with Thee.

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Saviour, Breathe an Evening Blessing

Evening Prayer. 8.7.8.7.

JAMES EDMESTON, 1820

GEORGE C. STEBBINS, 1878

1. Sav - iour, breathe an eve - ning bless - ing, Ere re - pose our spir - its seal;
 2. Though the night be dark and drear - y, Dark - ness can - not hide from Thee;
 3. Though de - struc - tion walk a - round us, Though the ar - row past us fly,
 4. Should swift death this night o'er - take us, And our couch be - come our tomb,

Sin and want we come con - fess - ing; Thou canst save, and Thou canst heal.
 Thou art He who, nev - er wea - ry, Watch - est where Thy peo - ple be.
 An - gel guards from Thee sur - round us, We are safe if Thou art nigh.
 May the morn of glo - ry wake us, Clad in light and death - less bloom.