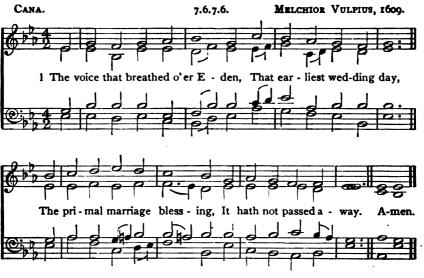
boly Matrimony.



- 2 Still in the pure espousal . Of Christian man and maid, The holy Three are with us, The threefold grace is said.
- 3 Be present, aweful Father, To give away this bride, As Eve thou gav'st to Adam Out of his own pierced side:
- 4 Be present, Son of Mary, To join their loving hands, As Thou didst bind two natures In Thine eternal bands!
- 5 Be present, holiest Spirit, To bless them as they kneel, As Thou, for Christ the Bridegroom, The heavenly Spouse dost seal!
- 6 O spread Thy pure wing o'er them, Let no ill power find place, When onward to Thine altar Their hallowed path they trace,

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7 To cast their crowns before Thee In perfect sacrifice, Till to the home of gladness With Christ's own Bride they rise. Amen. JOHN KEBLE, 1857.

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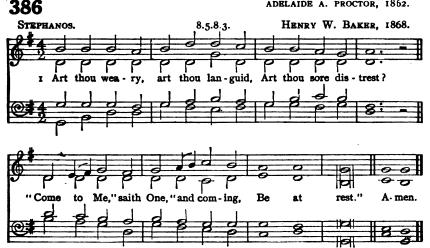
4 I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou shouldst shed Full radiance here; Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread Without a fear.

5 I do not ask my cross to understand, My way to see; Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand, And follow Thee.

6 Joy is like restless day; but peace divine Like quiet night.

Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine, Through peace to light. Amen.

ADELAIDE A. PROCTOR, 1862.



- 2 Hath He marks to lead me to Him, If He be my guide?
 - "In His feet and hands are woundprints.
 - And His side."
- 3 Is there diadem, as monarch, That His brow adorns? "Yea, a crown, in very surety, But of thorns."
- 4 If I find Him, if I follow, What His guerdon here? "Many a sorrow, many a labour, Many a tear."

- 5 If I still hold closely to Him, What hath He at last? "Sorrow vanquished, labour ended Jordan past."
- 6 If I ask Him to receive me. Will He say me nay? "Not till earth, and not till heaven Pass away."
- 7 Finding, following, keeping, struggling.

Is He sure to bless?

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Angels, martyrs, prophets, virgins, Answer, "Yes."

JOHN M. NEALE, 1862.

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