

What Wond'rous Things We now Behold

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Long Meter

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1. What wond'rous things we now behold,
Which were declar'd from days of old,
By prophets, who, in vision clear,
Beheld those glories from afar.

2. The visions which Almighty God,
Confirm'd by his unchanging word,
That to the ages then unborn,
His greatest work he would perform.

3. The second time he'd set his hand
To gather Israel to their land,
Fulfil the cov'nants he had made,
And pour his blessings on their heads.

4. When Moab's remnant, long oppress'd,
Should gather'd be and greatly blest;
And Ammon's children scatter'd wide,
Return with joy, in peace abide.

5. While Elam's race a feeble band,
Receive a share in the blest land;
And Gentiles, all their power display
To hasten on the glorious day.

6. Then Ephraim's sons, a warlike race,
Shall haste in peace and see their rest,
And earth's remotest parts abound,
With joys of everlasting sound.

7. Assyria's captives, long since lost,
In splendor came a num'rous host;
Egyptia's waters fill'd with fear,
Their power feel and disappear.

8. Yes, Abra'm's children now shall be
Like sand in number by the sea;
While kindreds, tongues, and nations all,
Combine, to make the numbers full.

9. The dawning of that day has come,
See! Abra'm's sons are gath'ring home,
And daughters too, with joyful lays,
Are hastening here to join in praise!

10. O God, our Father, and our King,
Prepare our voices and our theme;
Let all our pow'rs in one combine
To sing thy praises in songs divine.