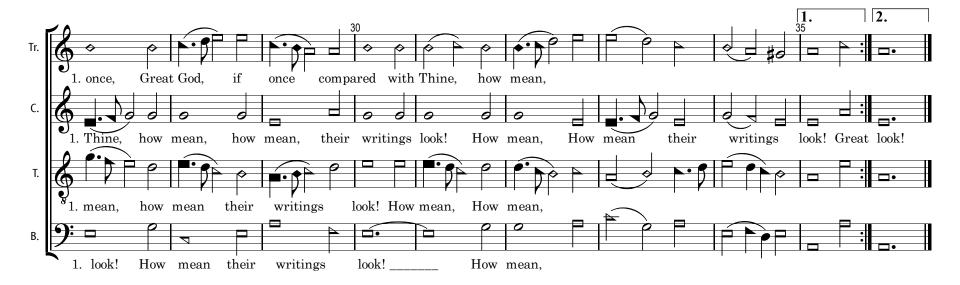
Revelation

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- 2. Not the most perfect rules they gave Could show one sin forgiv'n, Nor lead a step beyond the grave; But thine conduct to heav'n.
- 3. I've seen an end to what we call Perfection here below; How short the powers of nature fall, And can no further go!

- 4. Yet men would fain be just with God By works their hands have wrought; But thy commands, exceeding broad, Extend to every thought.
- 5. In vain we boast perfection here, While sin defiles our frame, And sinks our virtues down so far, They scarce deserve the name.
- 6. Our faith, and love, and every grace, Fall far below thy word;
 But perfect truth and righteousness
 Only dwell with the Lord.