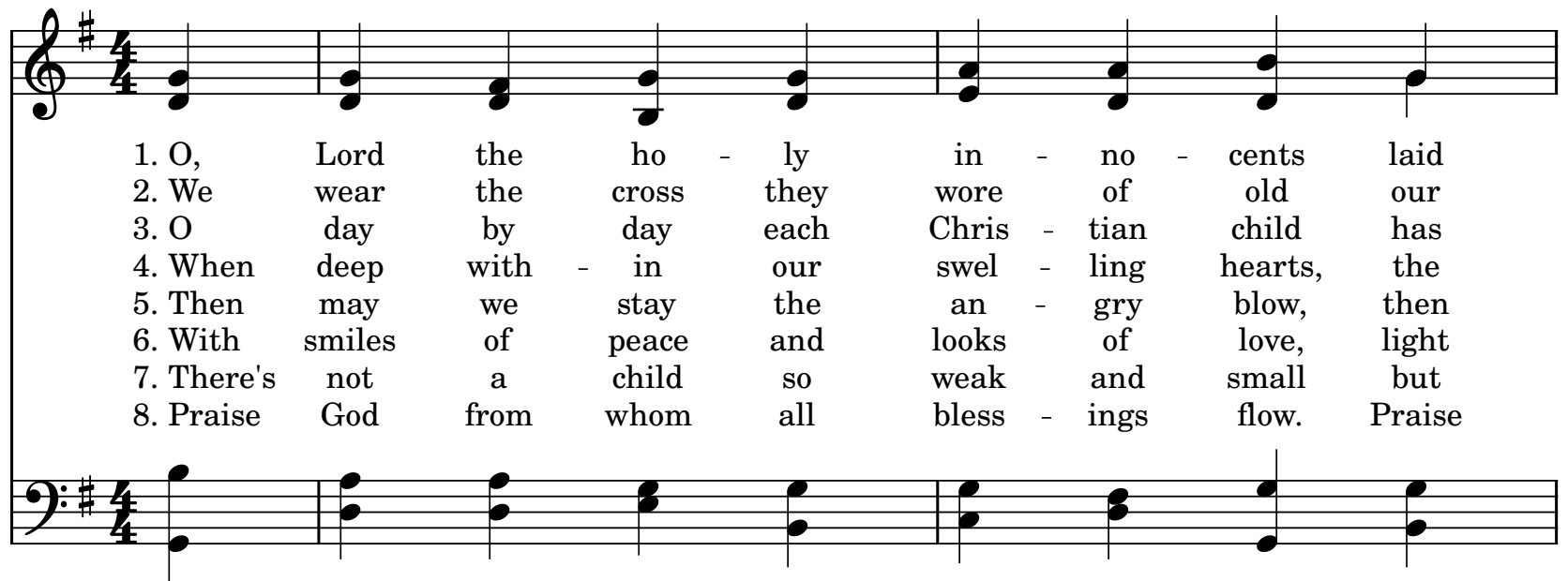


O Lord, the Holy Innocents

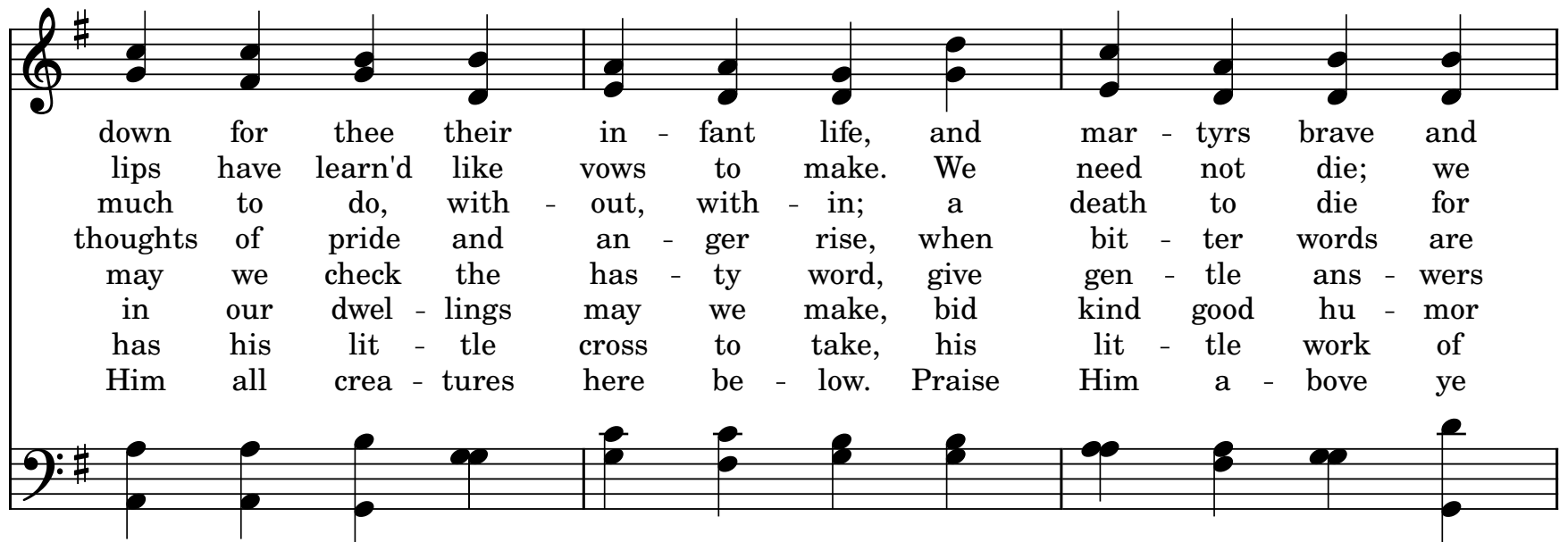
TALLIS CANON

Cecil Frances Alexander (1850)
Tune: Thomas Tallis, circa 1567



1. O, Lord the ho - ly in - no - cents laid
2. We wear the cross they wore of old our
3. O day by day each Chris - tian child has
4. When deep with - in our swel - ling hearts, the
5. Then may we stay the an - gry blow, then
6. With smiles of peace and looks of love, light
7. There's not a child so weak and small but
8. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise

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down for thee their in - fant life, and mar - tyrs brave and
lips have learn'd like vows to make. We need not die; we
much to do, with - out, with - in; a death to die for
thoughts of pride and an - ger rise, when bit - ter words are
may we check the has - ty word, give gen - tle ans - wers
in our dwel - lings may we make, bid kind good hu - mor
has his lit - tle cross to take, his lit - tle work of
Him all crea - tures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove ye

7



pa - tient saints have stood for thee in fire and strife.
can - not fight; what may we do for Je - sus sake?
Je - sus sake, a wea - ry war to wage with sin.
on our toun - ges, and tears of pas - sion in our eyes.
back a - gain, and fight a bat - tle for our Lord.
brigh - ten there, and still do all for Je - sus sake.
love and praise, that he may do for Je - sus sake.
heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.