HYMN

WRITTEN BY

THE BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD,

AND SET TO MUSIC BY

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(By Request)

TO BE USED

In all Churches and Chapels in England and Wales, and in the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed,

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O King of kings.

Stately. \( \text{D} = 72 \).

1. Oh King of kings, Whose reign of old Hath been from everlast-ing,

Before Whose throne their crowns of gold The white-rob'd saints are cast-ing;

While all the shining courts on high With Angel songs are ring-ing,

Oh let Thy children venture nigh, Their low-ly homage bring-ing.
2 For every heart, made glad by Thee,
    With thankful praise is swelling;
And every tongue, with joy set free,
    Its happy theme is telling.
'Thou hast been mindful of Thine own,
    And lo! we come confessing—
'Tis Thou hast dower'd our queenly throne
    With sixty years of blessing.

3 Oh Royal heart, with wide embrace
    For all her children yearning!
Oh happy realm, such mother-grace
    With loyal love returning!
Where England's flag flies wide unfurl'd,
    All tyrant wrongs repelling;
God make the world a better world
    For man's brief earthly dwelling!

4 Lead on, O Lord, Thy people still,
    New grace and wisdom giving,
To larger love, and purer will,
    And nobler heights of living.
And, while of all Thy love below
    They chant the gracious story,
Oh teach them first Thy Christ to know,
    And magnify His glory.