


Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme

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I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. (*Psalms 145:1-5*)

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<p>(midi) (mp3)</p>	<p>Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Thing</p> 

Begin, my tongue, some heav'nly theme
And speak some boundless thing;
The mighty works, or mightier name
Of our eternal king.
Tell of His wondrous faithfulness
And sound His power abroad;
Sing the sweet promise of His grace,
And the Lord's changelessness.

Proclaim 'salvation from the Lord
For wretched, dying men;'
His hand has writ the sacred Word

With an immortal pen.
Engraved as in eternal brass
The mighty promise shines;
Nor can the powers of darkness raise
Those everlasting lines.

He that can dash whole worlds to death,
And make them when He please,
He speaks, and that almighty breath
Fulfils His great decrees.
His very word of grace is strong
As that which built the skies;
The voice that rolls the stars along
Speaks all the promises.

Thou said, 'Let the heav'n wide be laid,'
And heav'n was stretched abroad:
To Israel Thy promise kept,
She is with us always
To hear from thee, 'I'll not leave thee'
Is Thy word to all saints
I trust Thy all-creating voice,
My faith desires no more.