

# CHESTER L. M.

William Billings Key of Eb Major

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1. Let ty - rants shake their i - ron rod, And slav - ery clank her gall - ing chains,  
2. Howe and Bur - goyne, and Clin - ton too, With Pres - cott and Corn - wal - lis joined,  
3. When God in - spired us for the fight, Their ranks were broke, Their lines were forc'd,  
4. The foe comes on with haugh - ty stride, Our troops ad - vance with mar - tial noise;  
5. What grate - ful of - fring shall we bring? What shall we ren - der to the Lord?

We fear them not, we trust in God; New Eng - land's God for - ev - er reigns.  
To - geth - er plot our o - ver - throw, In one in - fer - nal league com - bined.  
Their ships were shat - tered in our sight, Or swift - ly driv - en from our coast.  
Their vet - 'rans flee be - fore our youth, And Gen - erals yield to beard - less boys.  
Loud hal - le - lu - jahs let us sing, And praise His name on ev - 'ry chord.

Note: William Billings was a celebrated Singing Master, who resided in Boston at the time of the Revolution. He was one of the American soldiers who were encamped around Boston, and wrote this hymn and tune soon after the Battle of Bunker Hill. It was a great favorite in New England during the Revolution, and for years afterwards.