City of God, how broad and far

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City of God, how broad and far outspread thy walls sublime! the true thy chartered freemen are of every age and clime:

one holy church, one army strong, one steadfast, high intent; one working band, one harvest-song, one King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come down from man's primeval youth! how grandly hath thine empire grown of freedom, love, and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night with never-fainting ray! how rise thy towers, serene and bright, to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock, in vain the drifting sands: unharmed upon the eternal Rock the eternal city stands.

Words: Samuel Johnson (1822-1882)

Music: Melody adapted from Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)