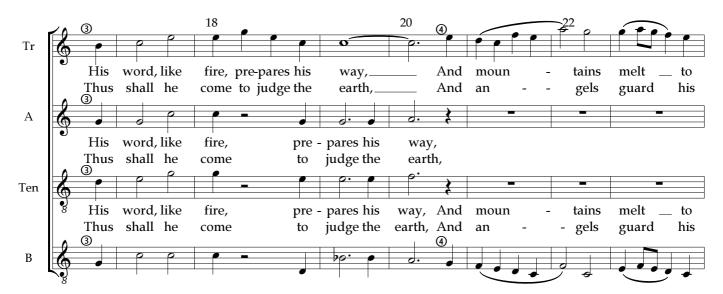
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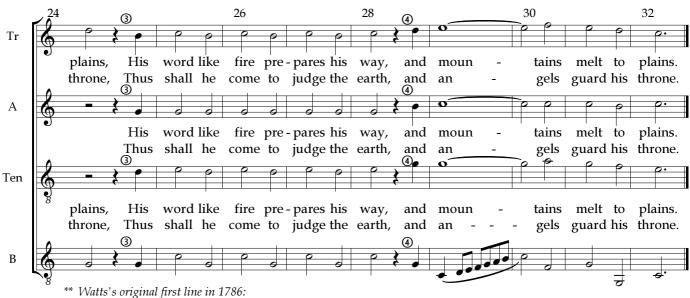
Psalm 97 vv. 1, 3, 5~7, 11. (Christ's incarnation, and the last judgment.)



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"Let earth, with every isle and sea,"

- The islands of the Northern sea, Rejoice, the Saviour reigns; His word, like fire, prepares his way, And mountains melt to plains.
- 2 His presence sinks the proudest hills, And makes the valleys rise; The humble soul enjoys his smiles, The haughty sinner dies.
- 3 The heav'ns his rightful power proclaim; The idol-gods aroundFill their own worshippers with shame, And totter to the ground.

- 4 Adoring angels at his birth Make the Redeemer known: Thus shall he come to judge the earth, And angels guard his throne.
- 5 His foes shall tremble at his sight, And hills and seas retire; His children take their unknown flight,
 - And leave the world in fire.
- 6 The seeds of joy and glory sown For saints in darkness here,Shall rise and spring in worlds unknown, And a rich harvest bear.

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