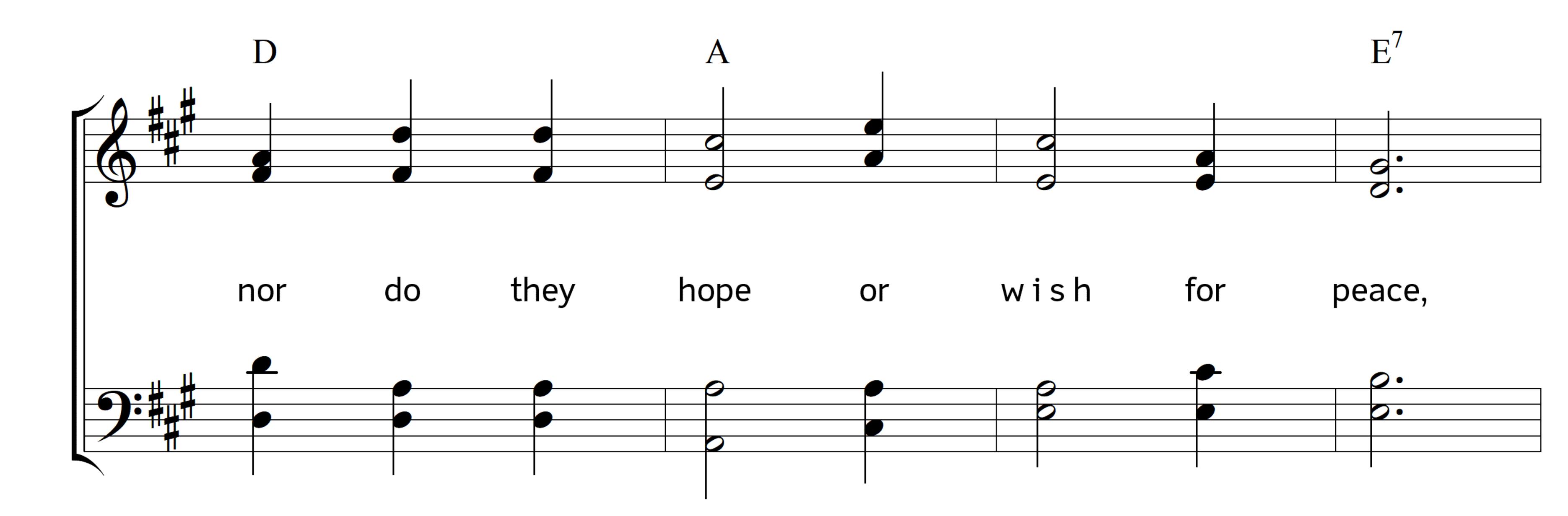
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- 2. Them whom they now account as foes, they once without a blush obeyed; and lived in amity with those, who, while they wore a smile, betrayed.
- 7. He who appeared on David's side, when matched with his gigantic foe, is still the same, and will provide for all his struggling saints below.

3. Nor did they see the chain they wore; or, if they saw, felt no alarm: the yoke contentedly they bore, till God himself dissolved the charm.

- 8. And when the last great foe appears, he'll find them proof against his power; for God, their God, will quell their fears, and save them in a dying hour.
- 4. Awakened then as from a sleep, and taught from whence their danger rose, they flew to arms, resolved to keep no terms with such deceitful foes.
- 9. This conflict past, the work is done, they'll see their enemies no more; the final victory is won, and then they reach the heavenly shore.

- 5. With earth and hell in arms combined, and with a heart as false as they, are saints engaged, nor rest will find, till they have reached the realms of day.
- 10. In robes of white they stand arrayed, the palm's triumphant branch they bear; adorned with crowns that never fade, before their King they all appear.

6. The fight unequal seems, 'tis true; it would be so but for h is grace, who arms provides, and courage too, with which his saints the foe may face.

11. And while they sing before his throne, the Lamb, the Lamb inspires their songs; salvation comes from him alone; to him eternal praise belongs.

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