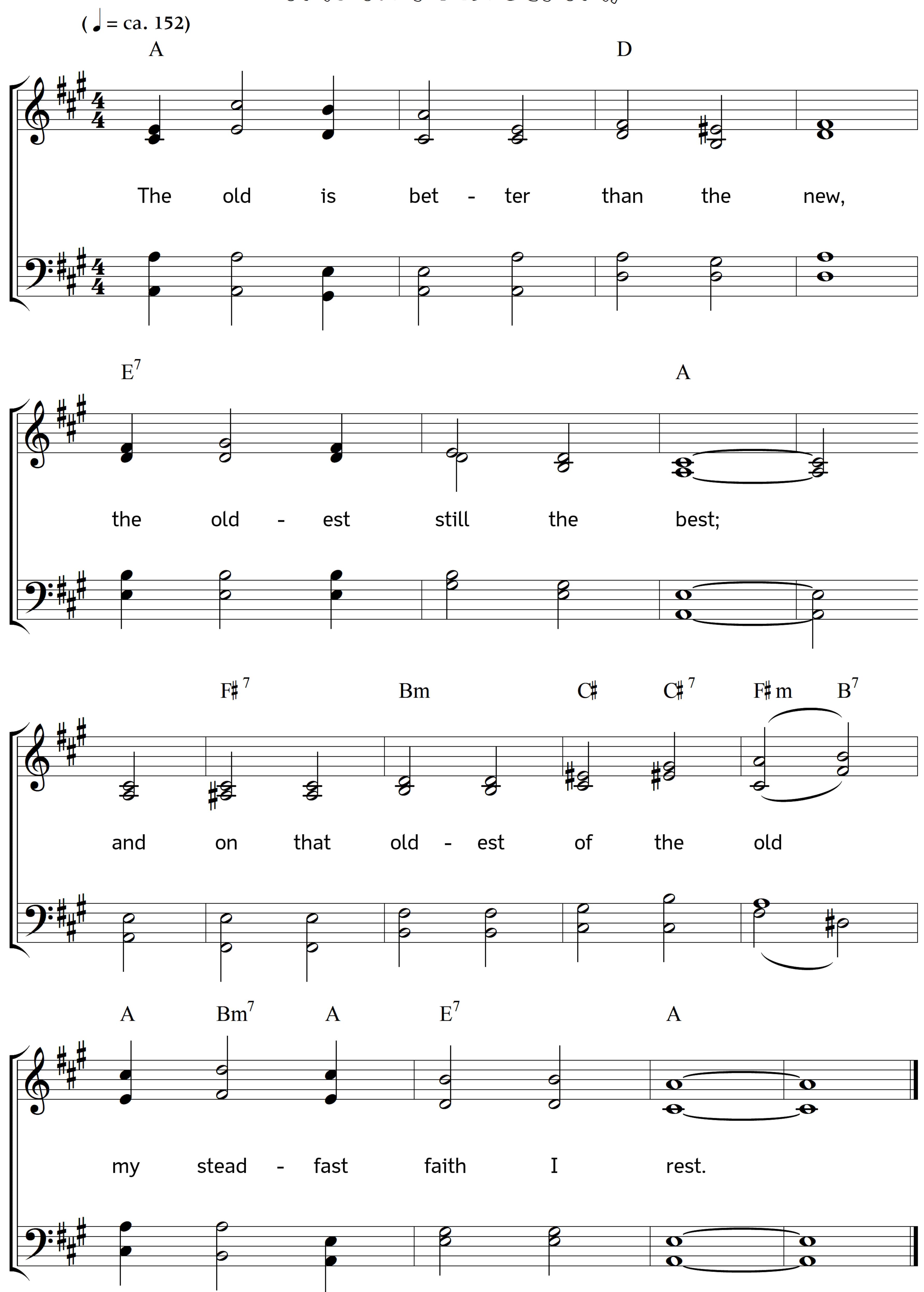
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2. I rest where righteous men of old their resting-place once made; the promise of the woman's seed to crush the serpent's head.

6. Of God's great love to guilty man it brings the blessed seal: the serpent's bruisèd head fore-speaks, – Messiah's bruisèd heel.

3. That is the oldest of the old, yet newest of the new; in every age the light of time, in every age the true.

7. Love from the everlasting love it brings, earth's wounds to cure.Of war against man's foe it tells, of victory made sure.

4. Its date is the eternal age, when its first sparkle shone; it is the oldest of earth's stars, and yet its youngest sun.

8. "Herein is love," it writes upon the gates of Paradise.
"Herein is love," it writes upon each burning sacrifice.

5. For ever fresh, and good, and fair, it shineth as it shone:the "always," "all," and "everywhere," is found in it alone.

9. Oldest and truest creed! In thee we find the love of God upwelling at the altar's base, and reaching us through blood.

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