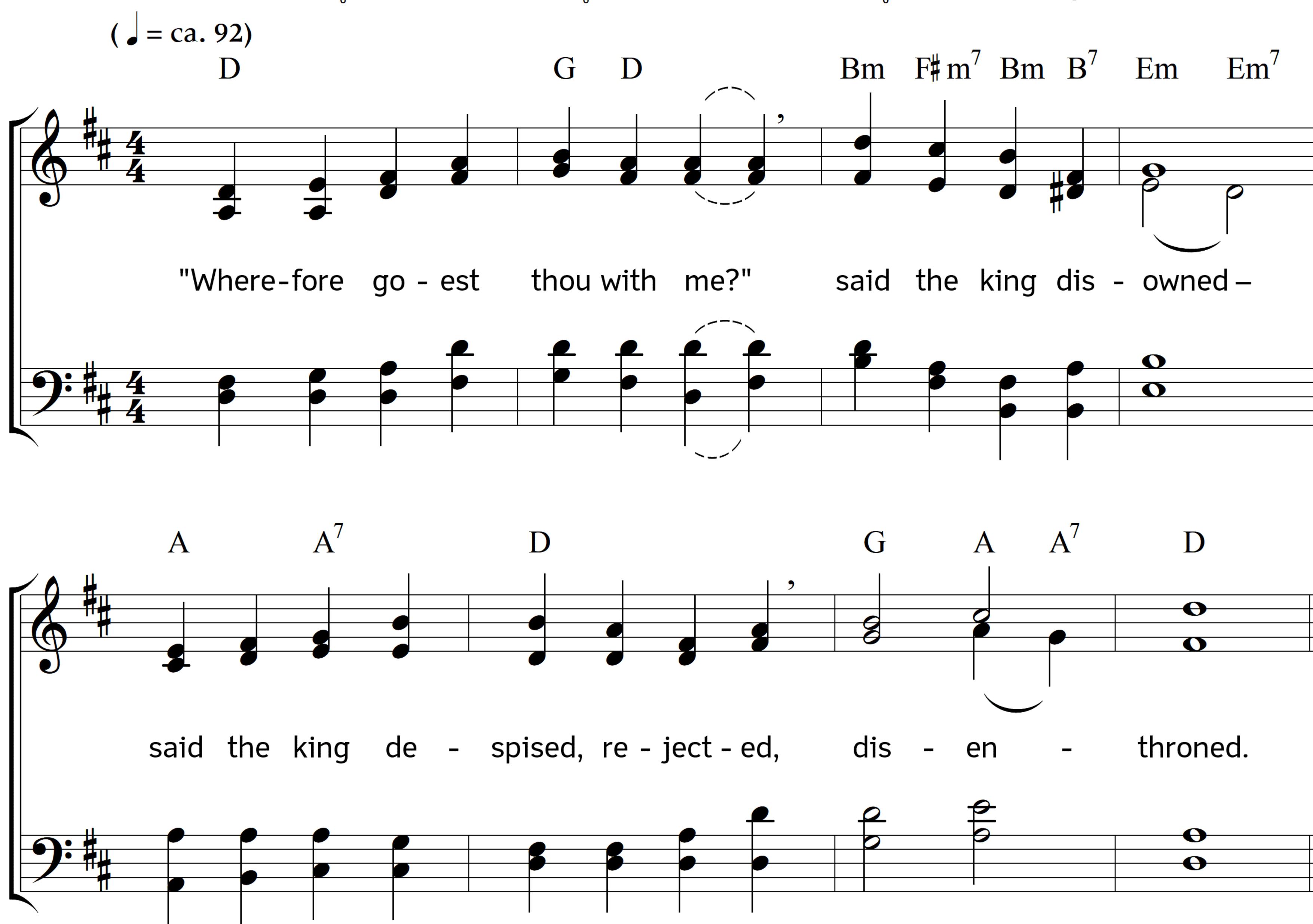
A LIGHT TO LIGHTEN THE GENTILES



- 2."Go, return unto thy place,to thy king of yore –here a pilgrim and a stranger,nothing more.
- 3. Not for thee the cities fair, hills of corn and wine all was portioned ere thou camest,

nought is thine.

4. Wandering forth where'er I may, exiled from mine own, shame, rejection I can grant thee; that alone.

- 5. Turn and take thy brethren back, with thy people dwell;
 I have loved thee, I, the outcast;
 fare thee well."
- 6. Then unto the crownless king on the Kedron's shore, all the wilderness before him, Ittai swore,
- 7. "As the Lord lives and the king, ever lord to me, where in death or life he dwelleth I will be."

- 8. "Go pass over;" spake the king; then passed Ittai o'er; passed into the place of exile from the shore.
- 9. He and all his little ones, granted by that word, shame, rejection, homeless wandering with their lord.
- 10. "Go pass over;" words of grace, spoken, Lord, to me,that, in death or life, where thou art I might be.
- 11. Dead and crucified with thee, passed beyond my doom; sin and law for ever silenced in thy tomb.
- 12. Passed beyond the mighty curse, dead, from sin set free; not for thee earth's joy and music, not for me.
- 13. Dead; the sinner past and gone, not the sin alone; living, where thou art in glory, on the throne.

- 14. Hidden there with Christ in God, that blessed life I share;Christ it is who liveth in me liveth there.
- 15. "He who serves me," spake his lips,
 "let him follow me,
 and where I am shall my servant
 ever be."
- 16. Follow, where his steps lead on, through the golden street; far into the depths of glory track his feet.
- 17. Till unto the throne of God, of the Lamb, I come; there to share the blessed welcome, welcome home!
- 18. There with him whom man rejected in the light above, those whom God his Father honours such his love.

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