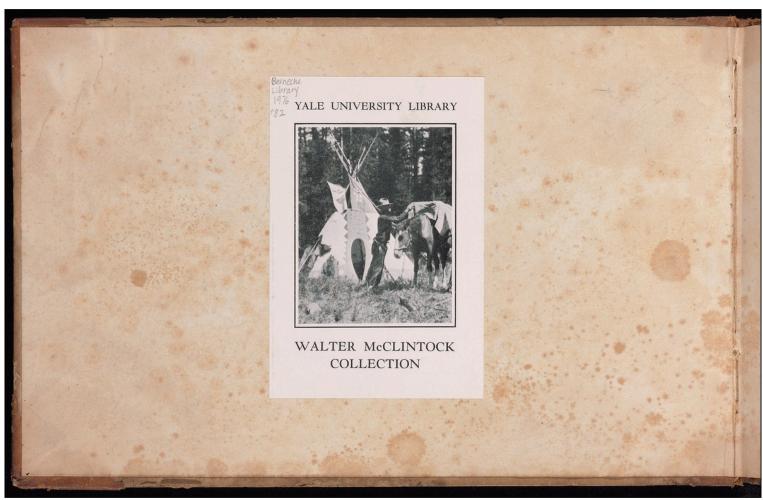


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BY THOMAS COMMUCK,

A NARRAGANSETT INDIAN.

HARMONIZED BY THOMAS HASTINGS, ESQ.

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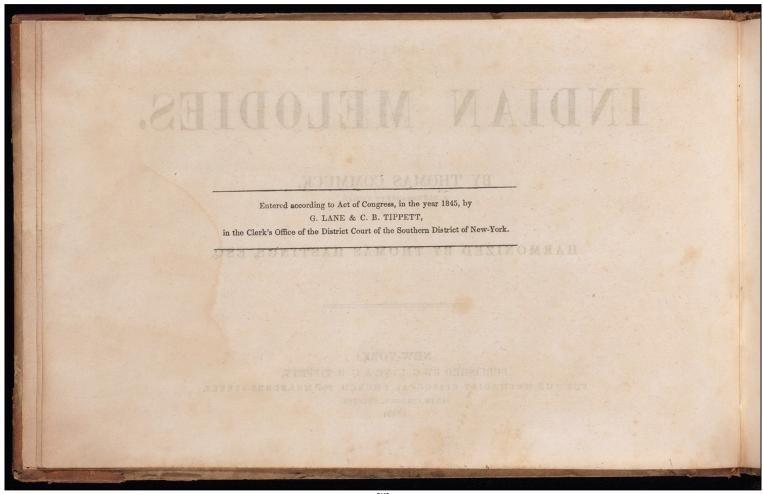
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PREFACE.

The author of the following original tunes wished to || whatever may be the fate of this production, he feels get some person better educated than himself to write that he must stem the current of public opinion alone. a preface or introduction to his little work; but on reflection it occurred to him that he could tell the public all about it as well as any one else; so he concluded to make the attempt. He is, however, fully aware of the difficulties attendant upon an attempt to appear successfully as an author before a scrutinizing and discerning public, especially when unaided by the influ-

Add to this the circumstance of having been born, not only in obscurity, but being descended from that unfortunate and proscribed people, the Indians, with whose name a considerable portion of the enlightened American people are unwilling to associate even the shadow of anything like talent, virtue, or genius, and as being wholly incapable of any improvement, either moral, ence of wealth, or a long list of influential friends; and mental, or physical, and the wonder will cease to be a

not without great diffidence that he attempts to appear at the bar of public opinion, not knowing but JUDGE PREJUDICE may preside, and condemn his work to the deep and silent shades of everlasting oblivion, without even a hearing. Should this be its fate with simply reading the rules contained in the few musical the generality of the public, still he thinks he has a claim upon a certain portion of the Christian public, he means his brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church: for if there be any meaning in that clause of our excellent Discipline which recommends the "employing of members in preference to others; helping each other in business, &c.," the author feels that he has a number of airs which have been long in use among a claim upon them, and he humbly trusts, judging from Christian feelings, that that claim will not be wholly disregarded. The work now offered to the public, small as it is, has occupied the attention of the author for the space of seven years; and it may not be amiss

wonder. In view of all these disadvantages, it is commenced trying to learn, scientifically, the art of singing; in the acquirement of which, from that time to the present, he has had to encounter and overcome the difficulties attending the same alone, and unaided by any instruction, except what he could obtain by works to which he has had access. From these works he has been enabled, under the blessing of God, to obtain that amount of theoretical knowledge in music which has prompted him to offer this little volume to the public.

The author had inserted in his original manuscript the Brothertown Indians, which it was thought inexpedient to publish, as it might interfere with the rights of the authors of those tunes. Had it occurred sooner to the author of these original melodies, he would have solicited from several well-known authors permission to state, that it was not until the year 1836 that he first to copy into this work a few tunes from each of their

grace any volume of music in which they might be inserted: and should this work be favorably received by the public, so that the author should feel encouraged to add a supplement in future, he will take the earliest opportunity to solicit permission to insert a few of those tunes in such supplement.

The author has not inserted any rudiments of the art of music in this work, principally for the reason that he could do no more than copy from some other author: and it is his desire and intention, if he should hereafter publish anything of the kind, to offer it in some respects on a new plan, adapted to the capacities of children. He will therefore do no more at present than state some of the reasons which induced him to offer this little volume to the public. The first is, that no "son of the forest," to his knowledge, has ever undertaken a task of the kind. Secondly, he is feeble in health, and has a standing all other ends which may result from the

published works, as they contain some which would | family of seven in number to provide for. Thirdly, the cause of missions, and other religious and charitable institutions, lie very near his heart, and he is frequently solicited to aid in donations for these purposes; but having to contend with poverty, hitherto he has been able to do but very little for these institutions, but would willingly and cheerfully do more were he in possession of the means. And here he begs to be excused for stepping a little aside from the path generally traveled by authors, and telling "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." He has never known authors to acknowledge their desire of making money by their publications: they generally wind up by declaring, that if such and such an object has been "secured," they feel amply repaid for all their toils. Not so with the author of the Indian Melodies: he feels willing to acknowledge openly and frankly the truth, and he assures his friends and the public, that notwith-

publication of this work, his object is to make a little | knowledge of the Redeemer and his kingdom throughmoney, whereby he may be enabled, by wise and prudent management, to provide for the comfortable subsistence of his household, and be enabled, from time to time, to cast in his mite to aid in relieving the wants and distresses of the poor and needy, and to spread the in every instance the first above the bass.

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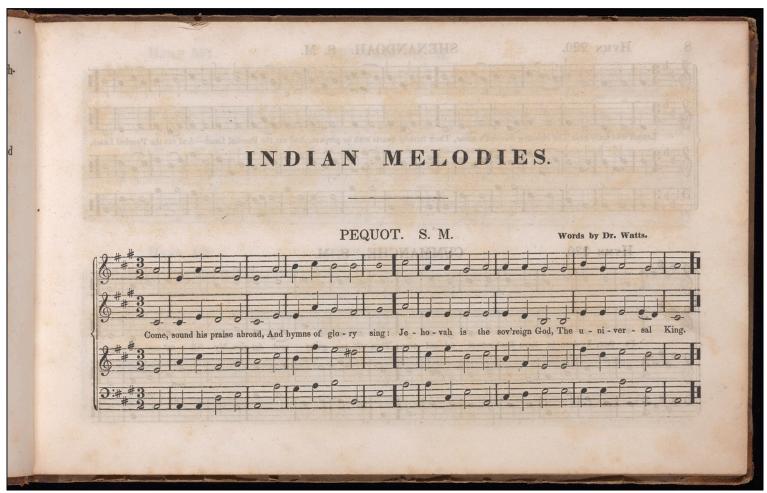
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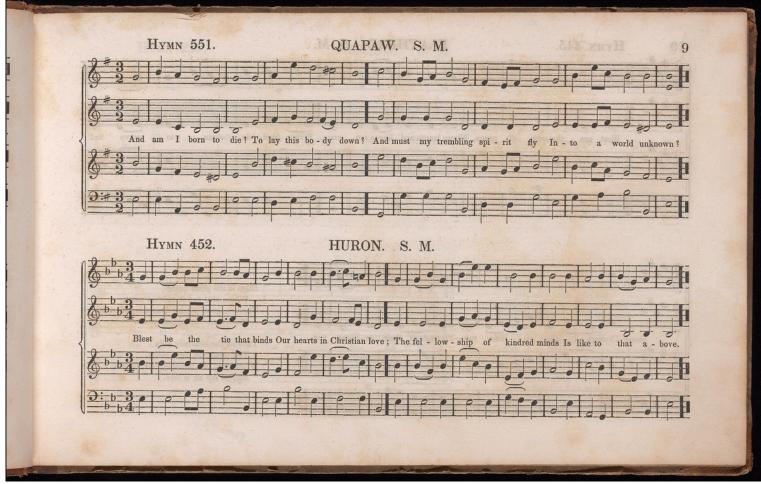
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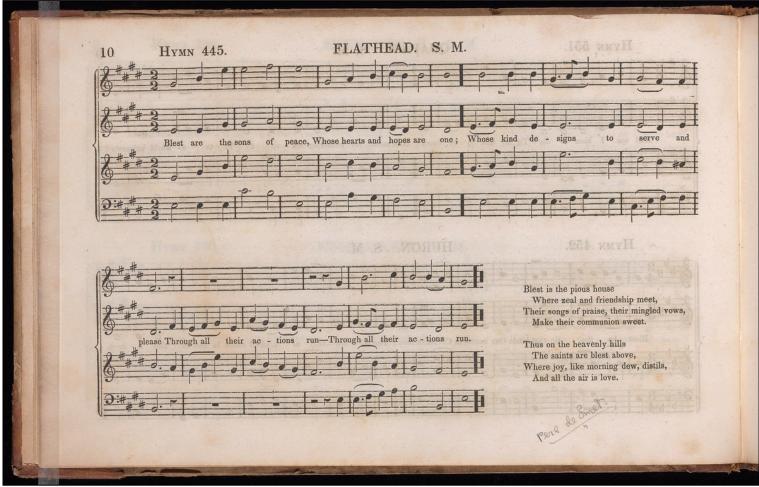
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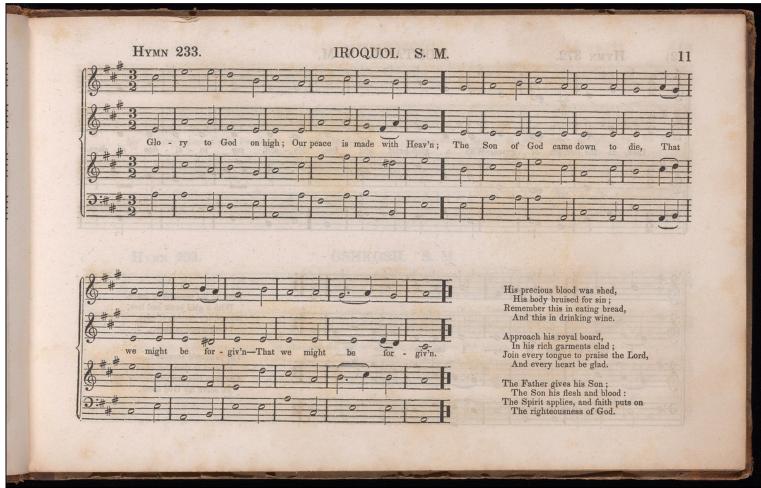
As the tunes in this book are the work of an Indian, it has been thought proper by the author to have it all of a piece. The tunes therefore will be found to assume the names of noted Indian chiefs, Indian females, Indian names of places, &c. This has been done merely as a tribute of respect to the memory of some tribes that are now nearly if not quite extinct; also as a mark of courtesy to some tribes with whom the author is acquainted.

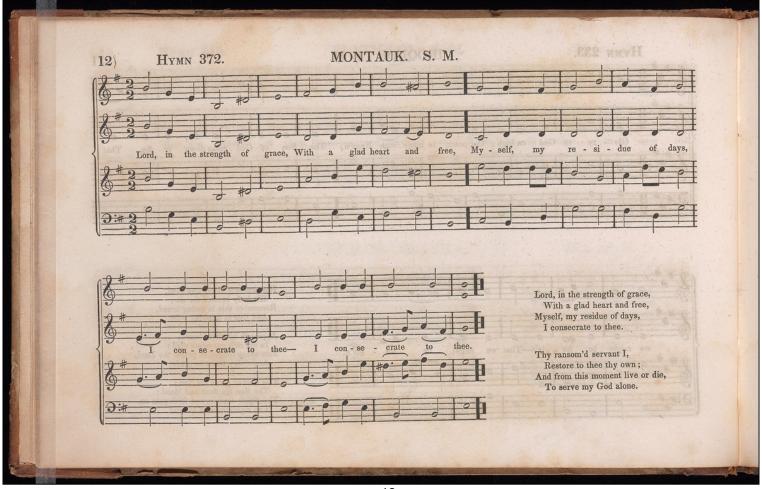




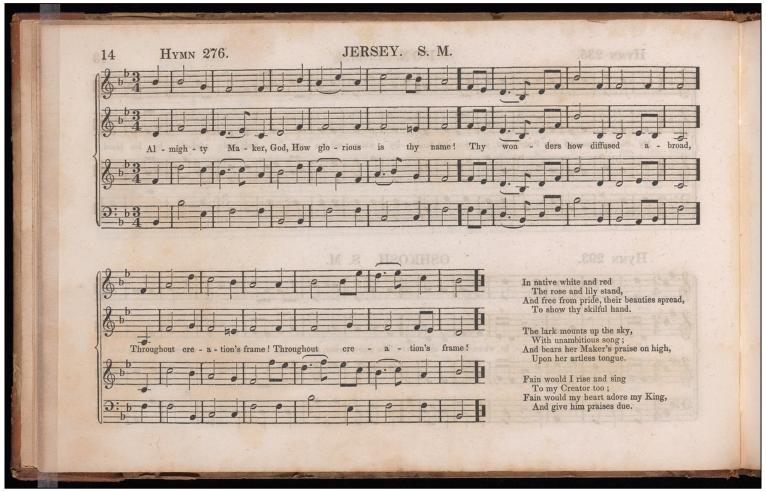


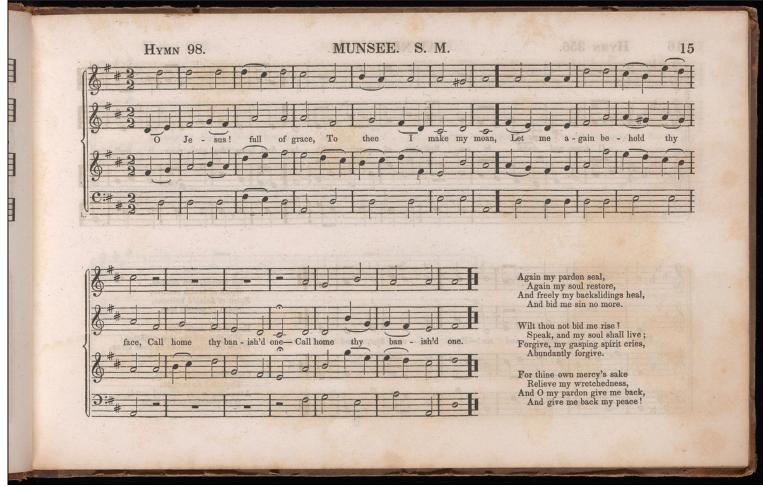


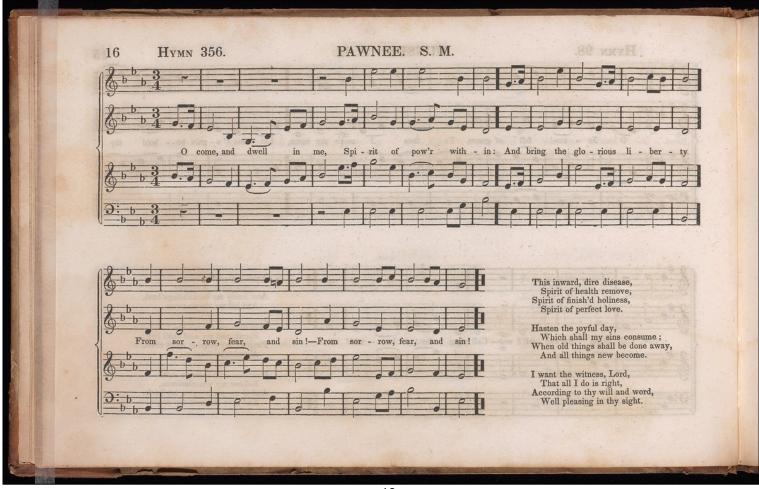


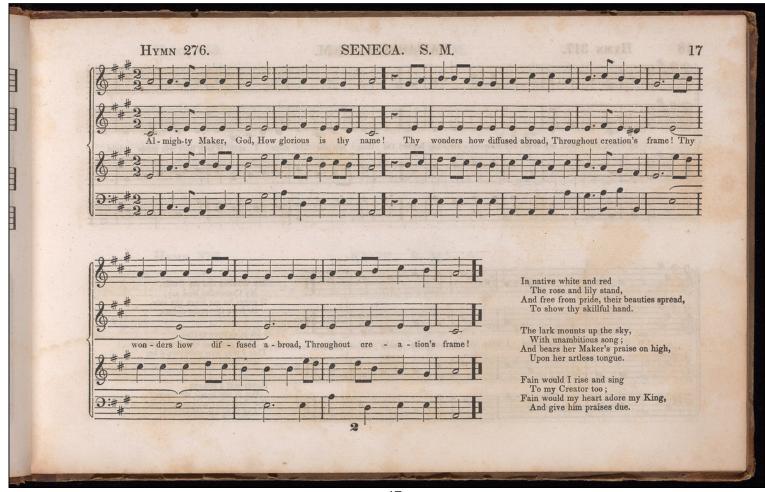


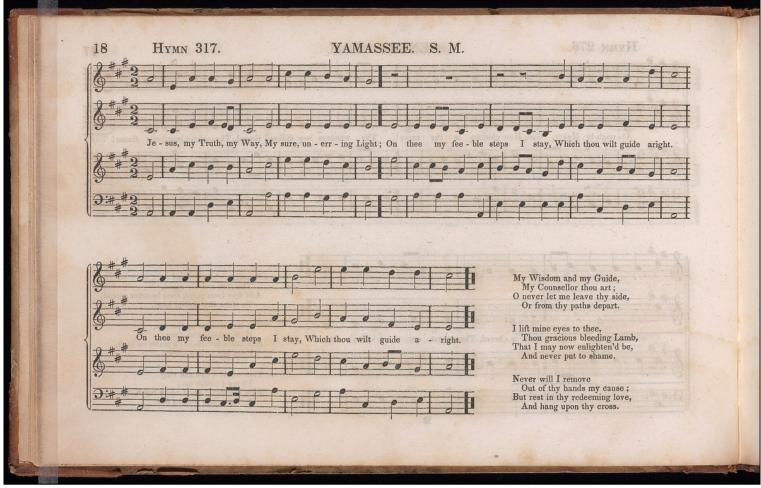


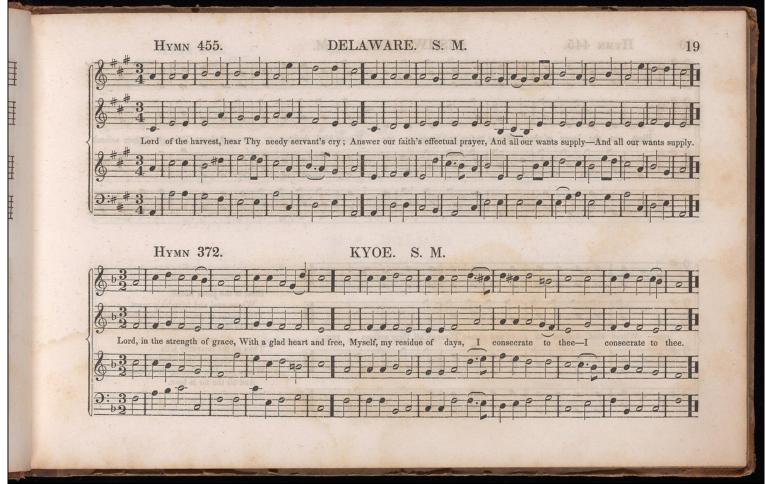


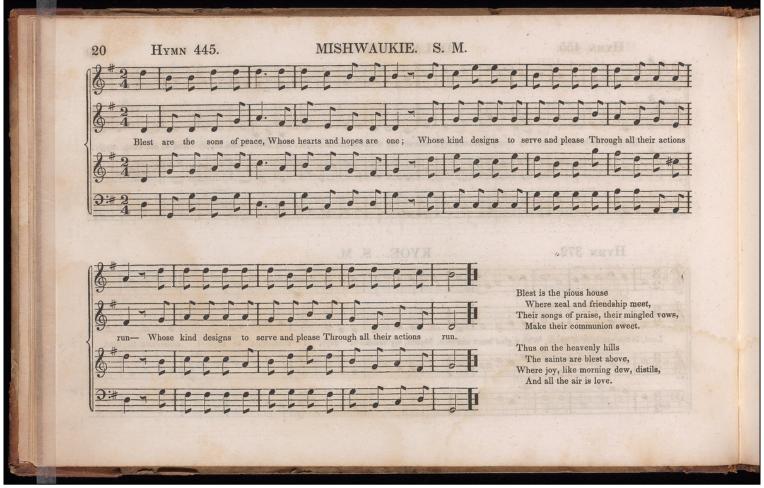


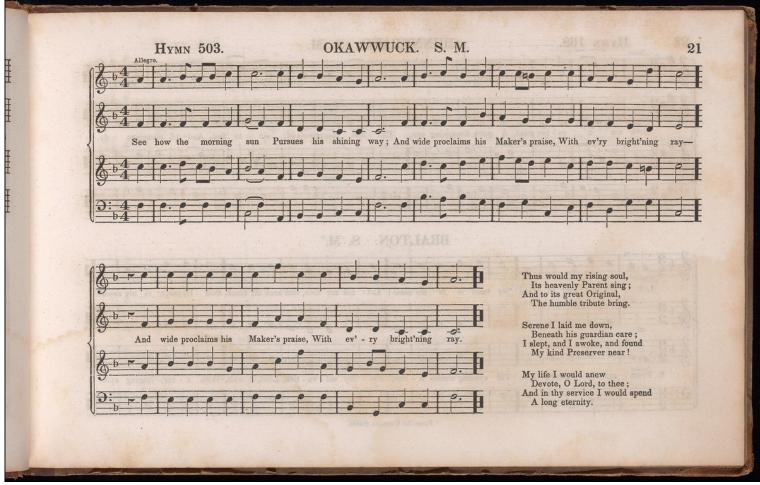




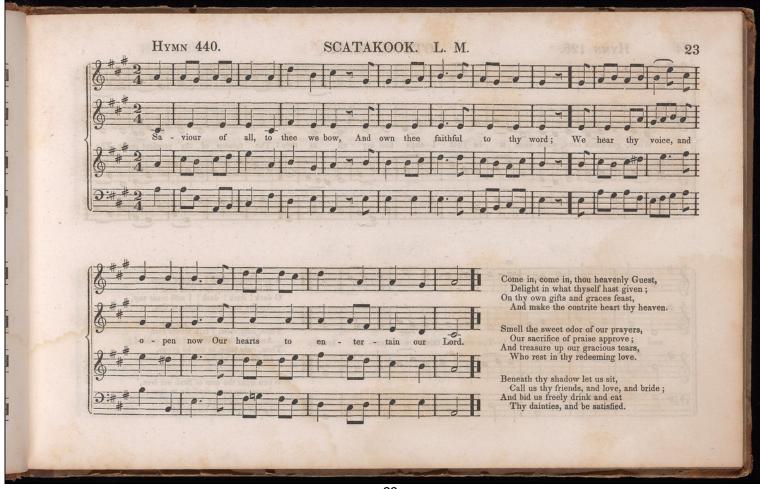


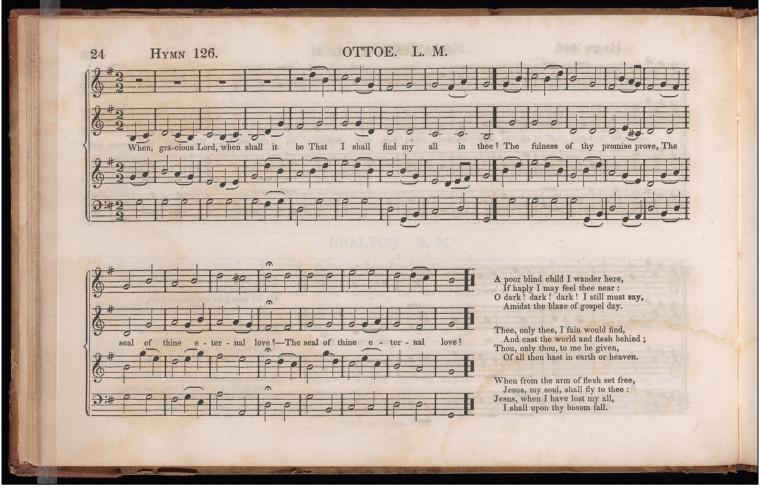


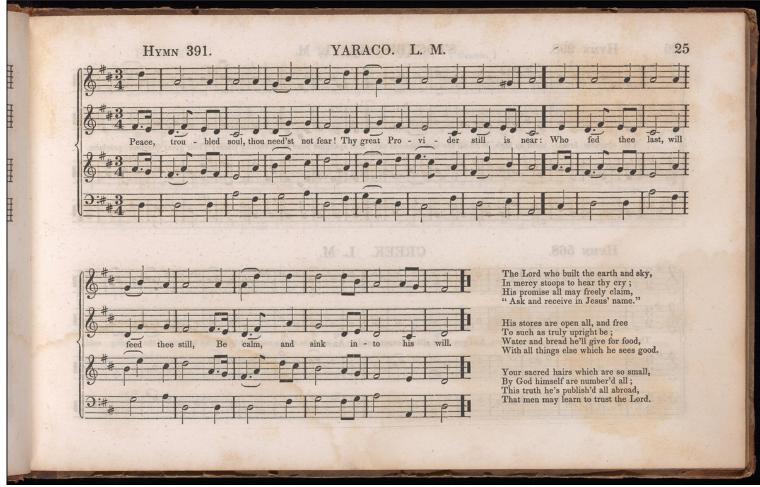




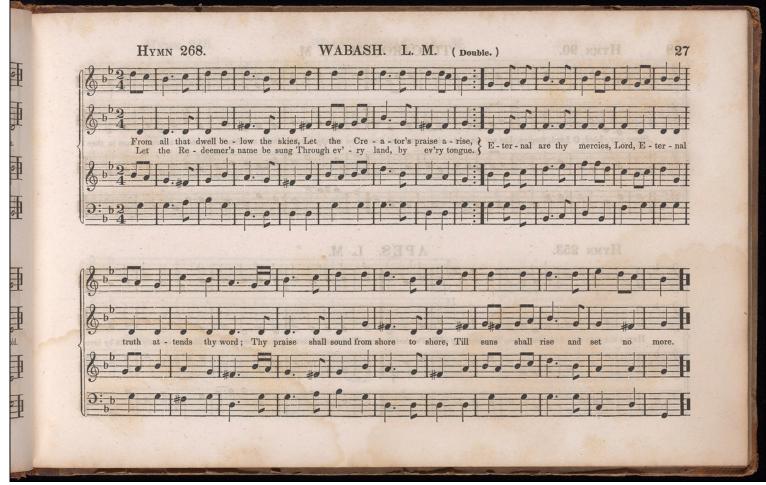


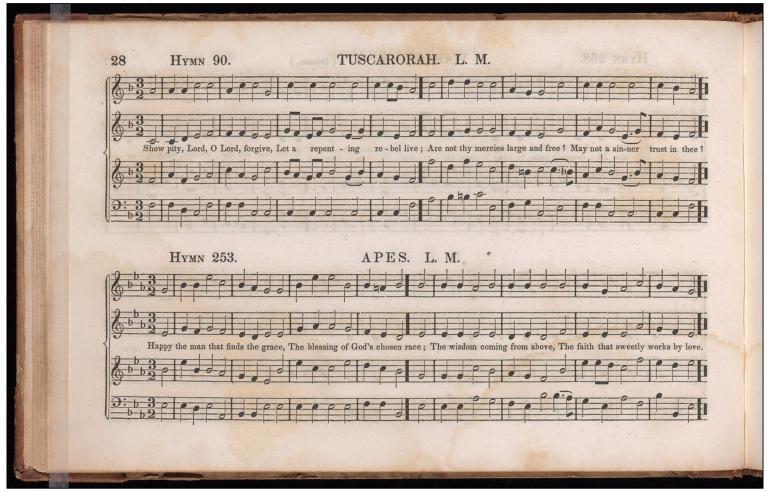


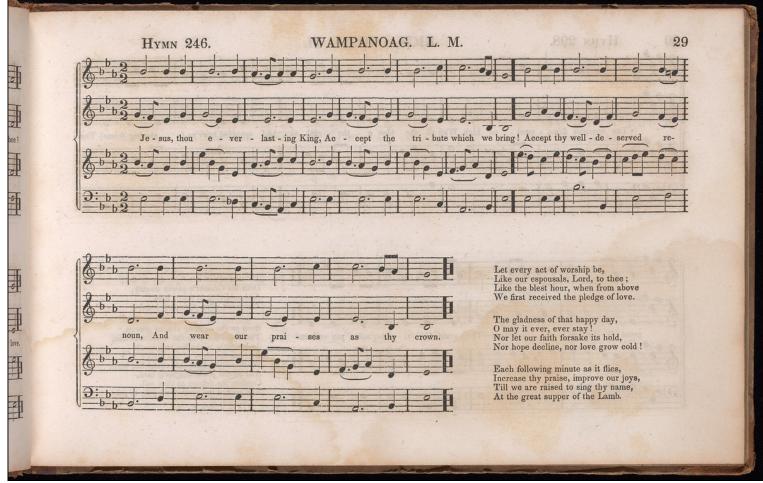


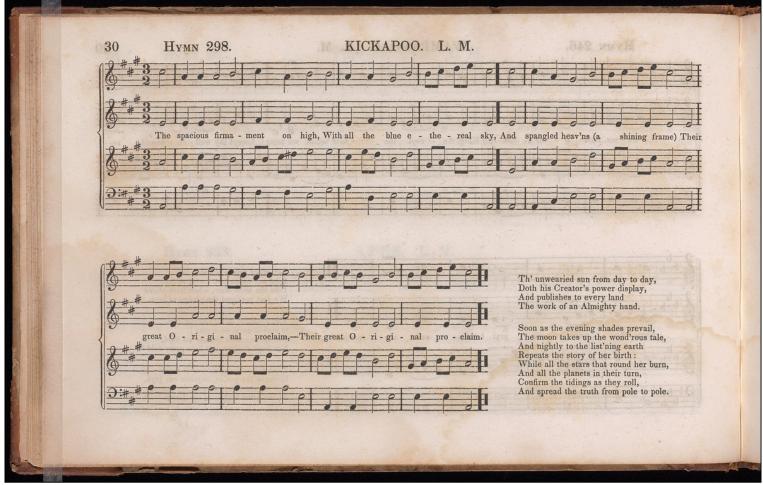


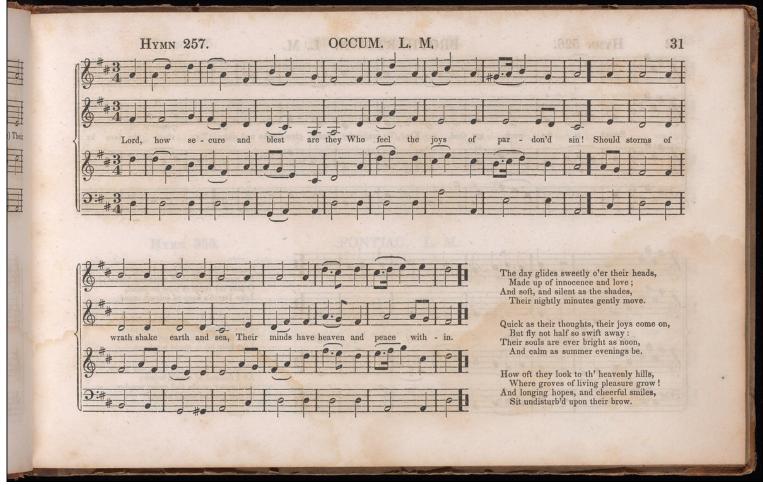


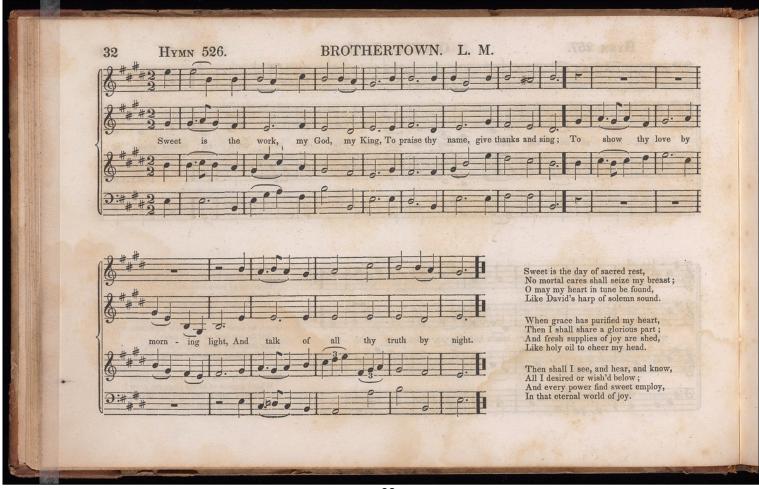




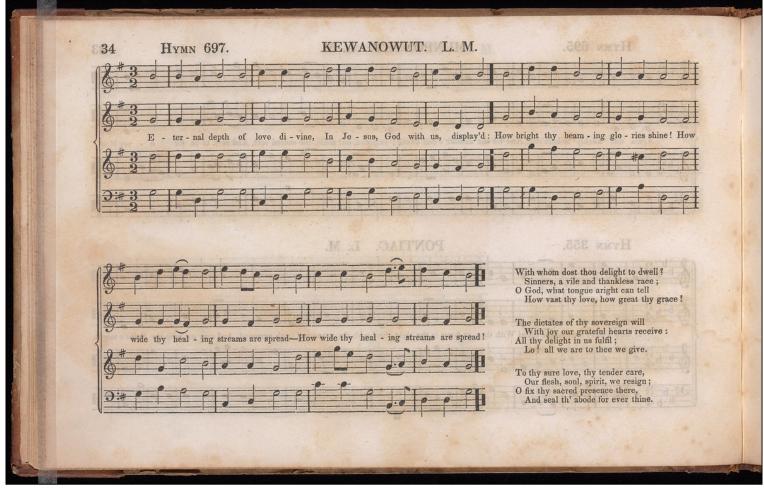


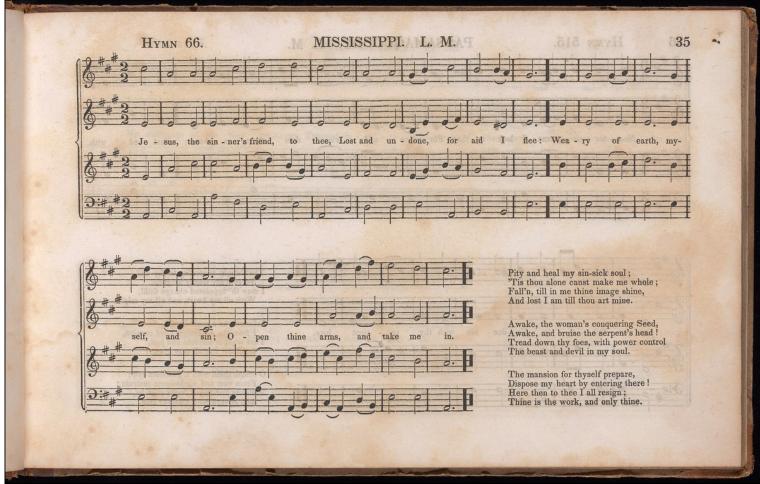


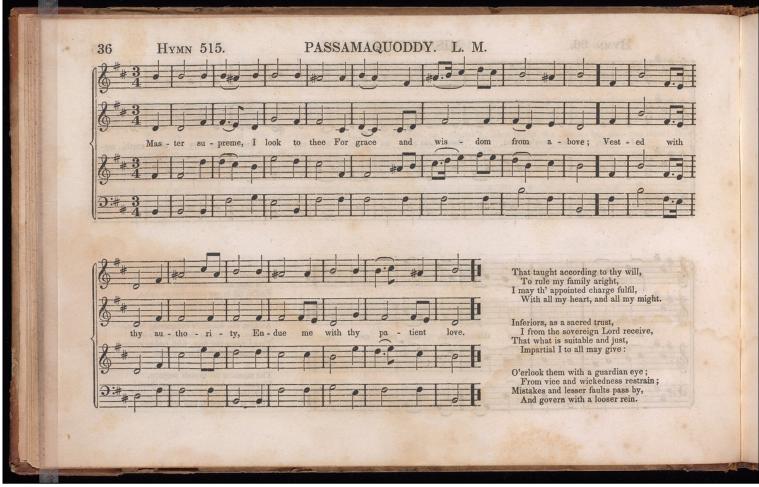


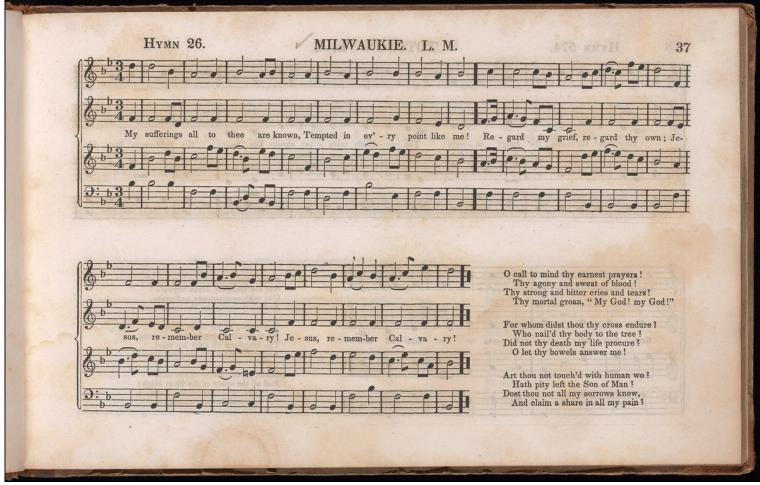


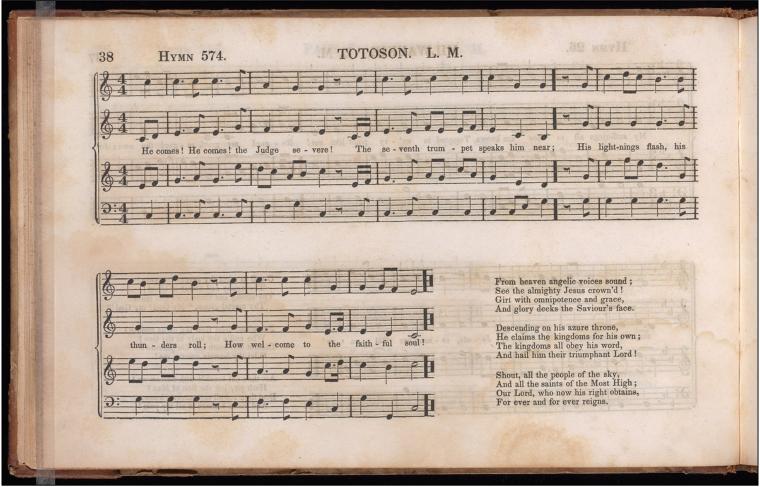


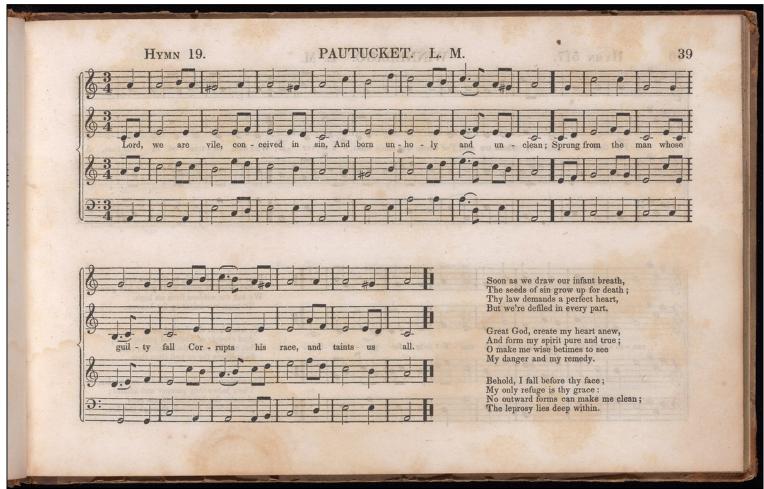


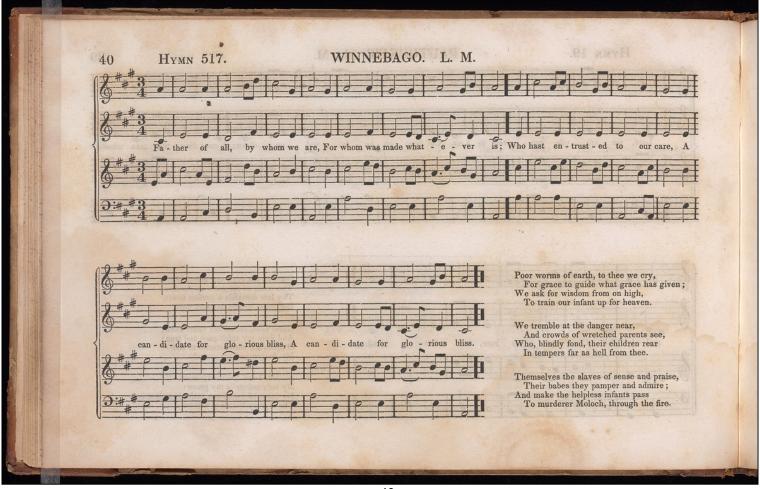


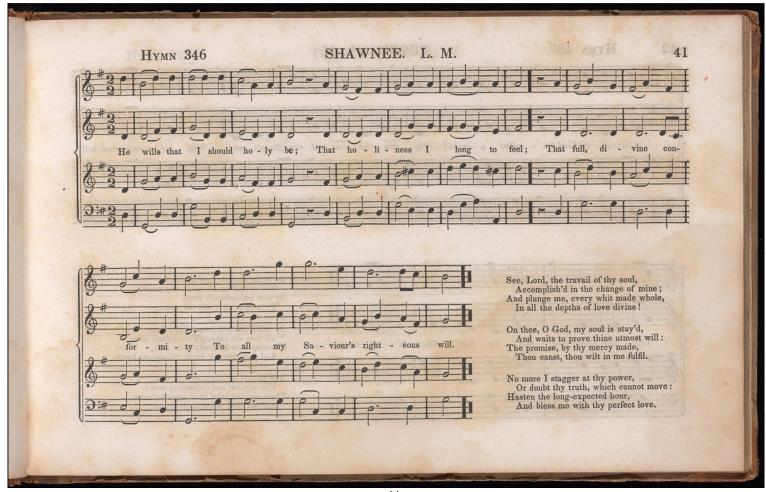


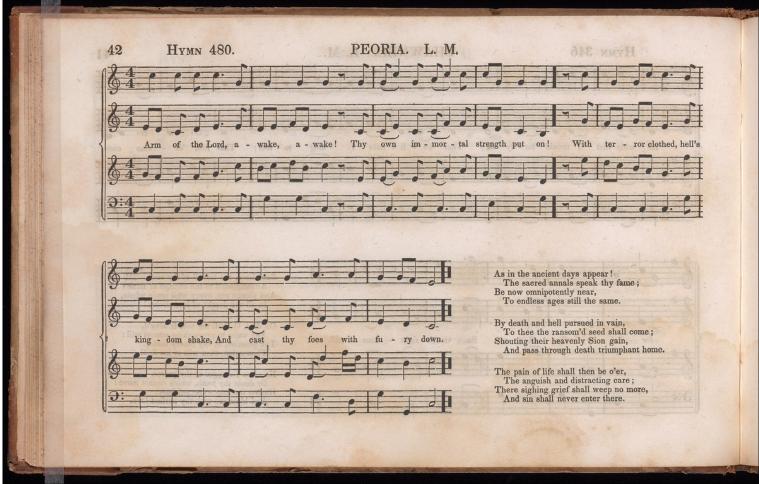


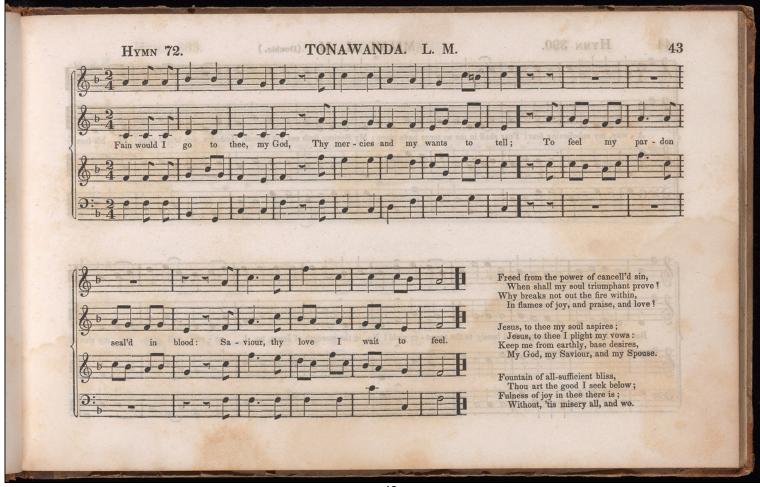


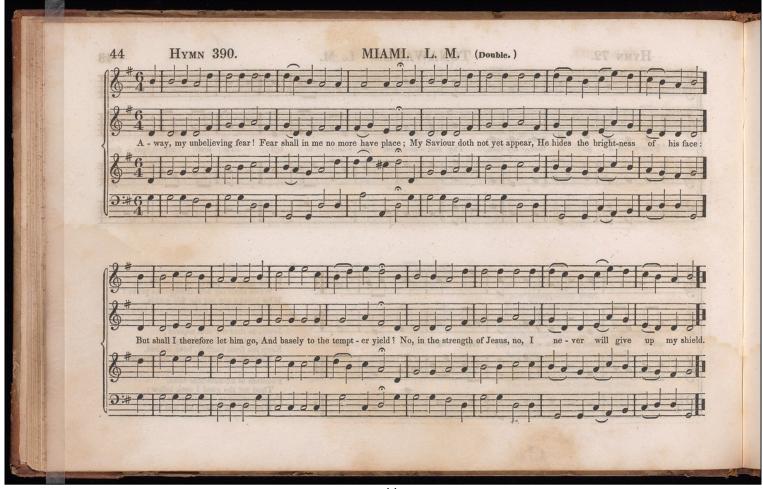


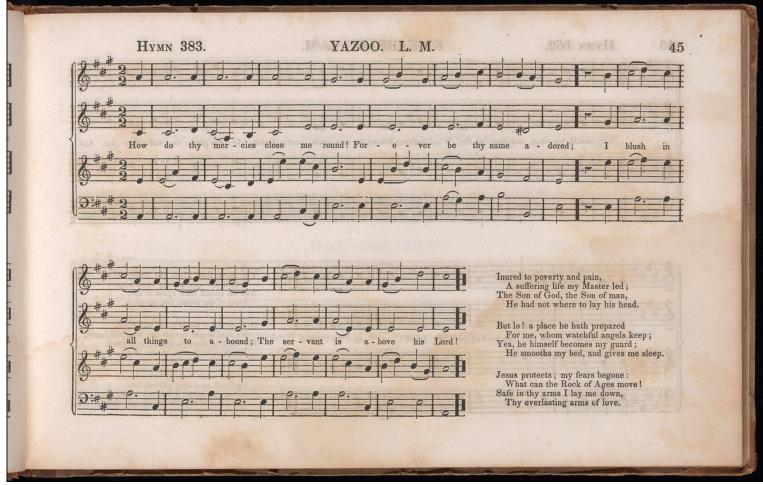


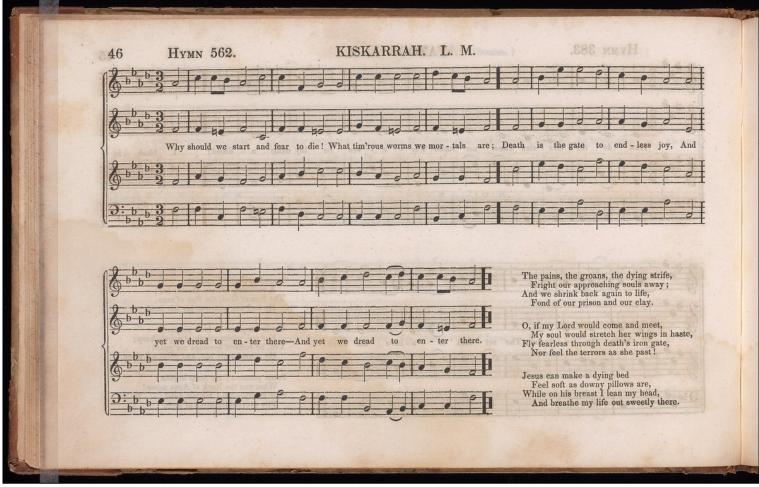


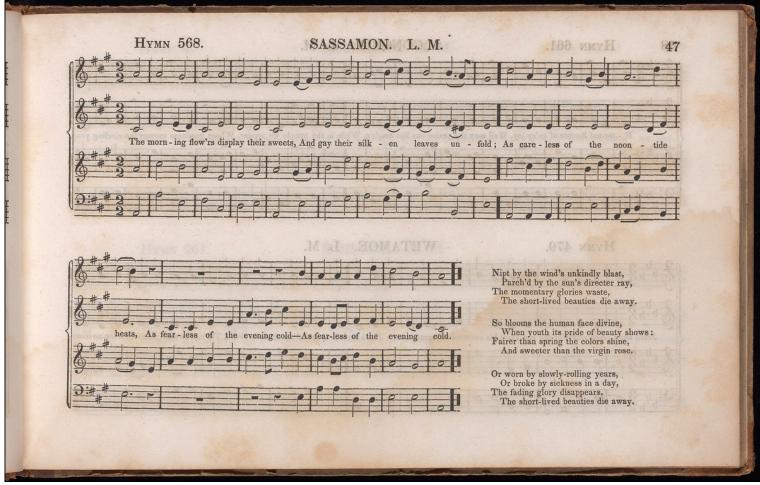


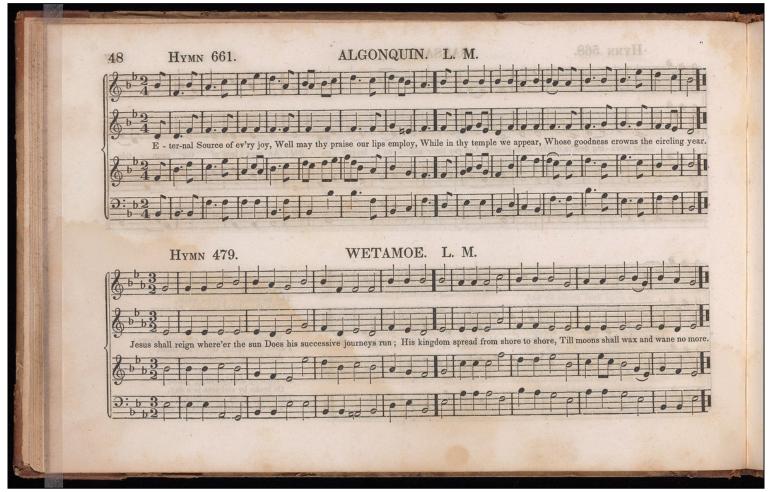


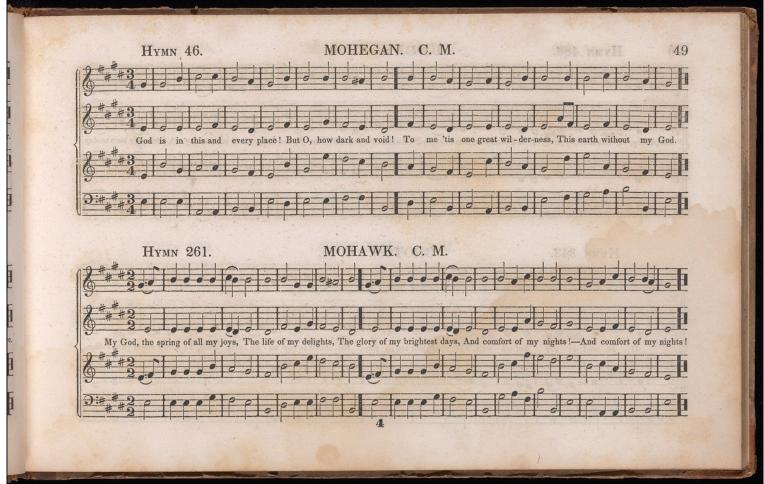






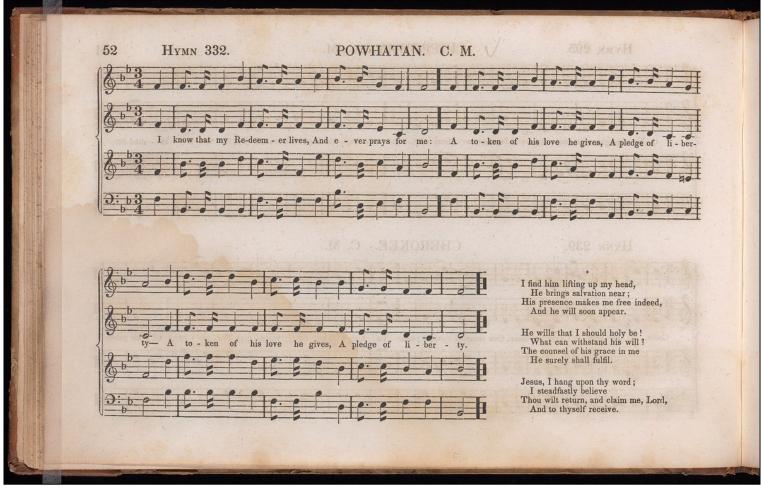




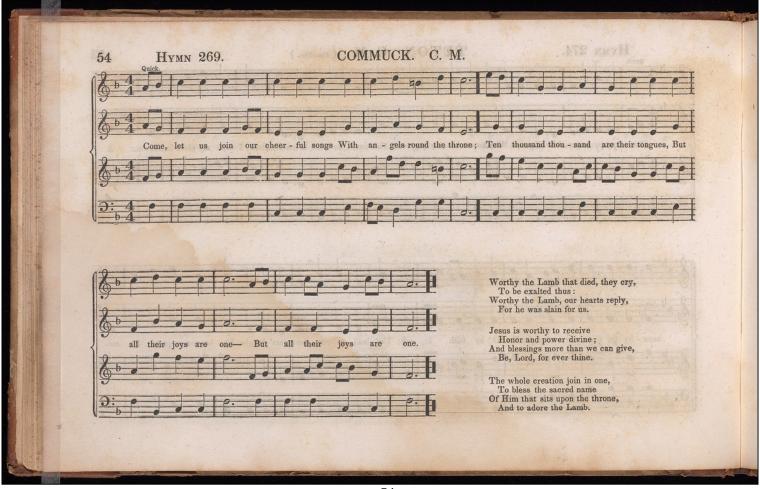


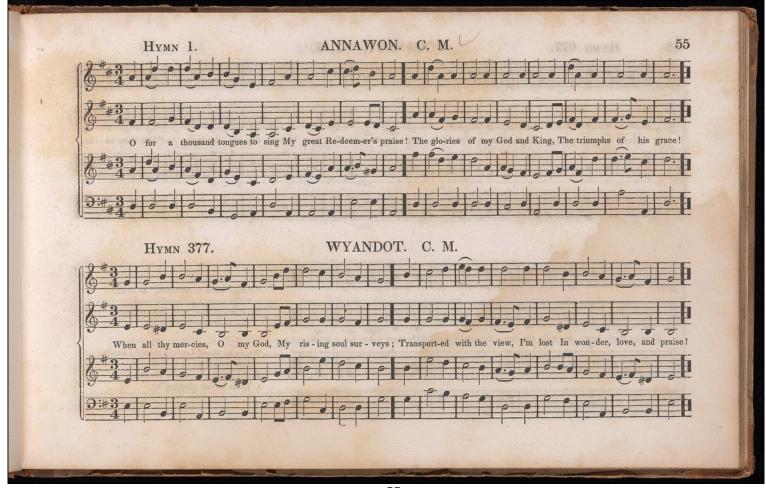


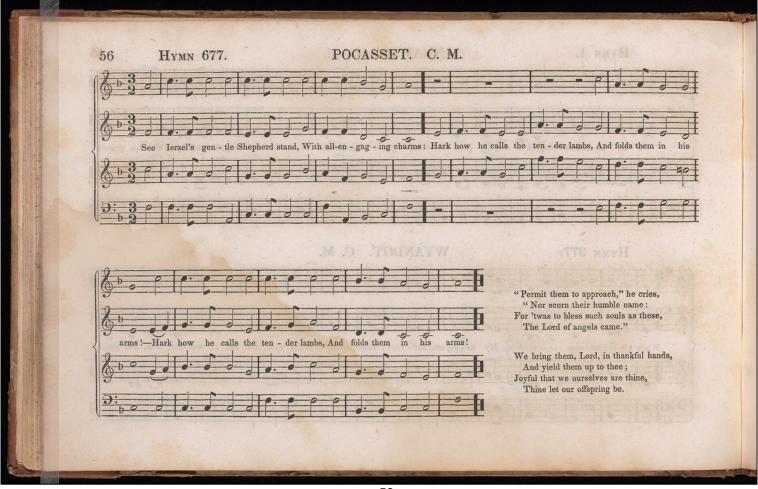




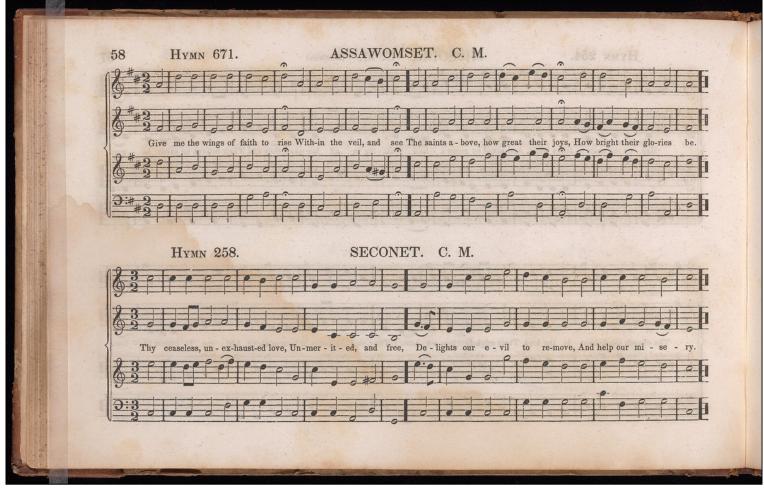


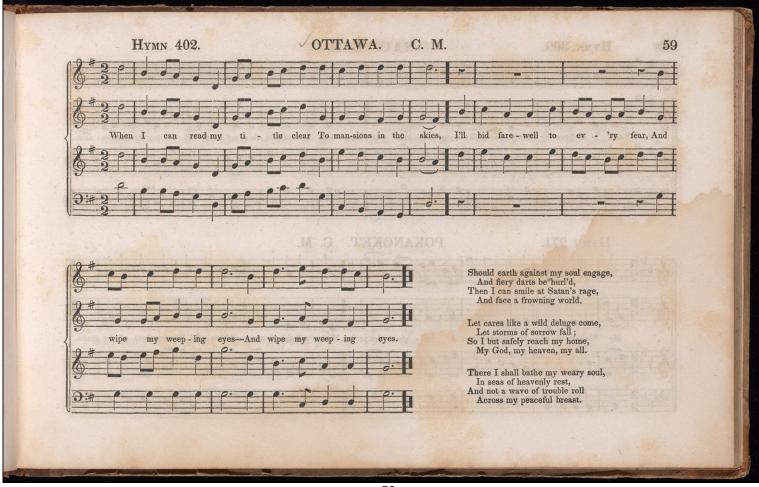


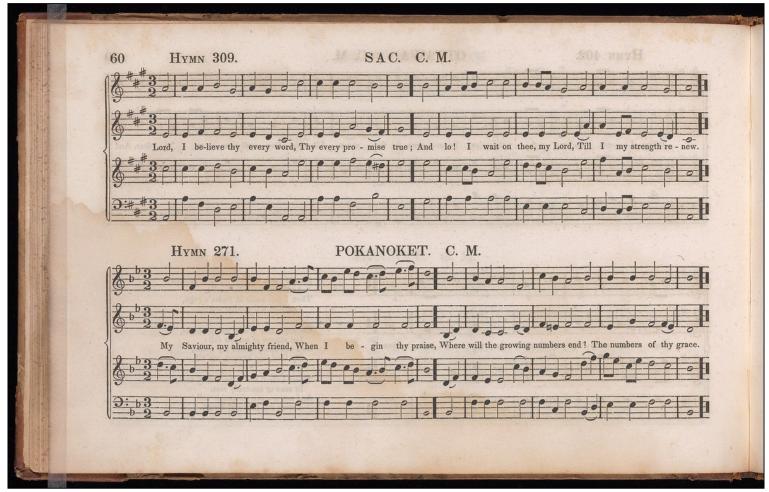


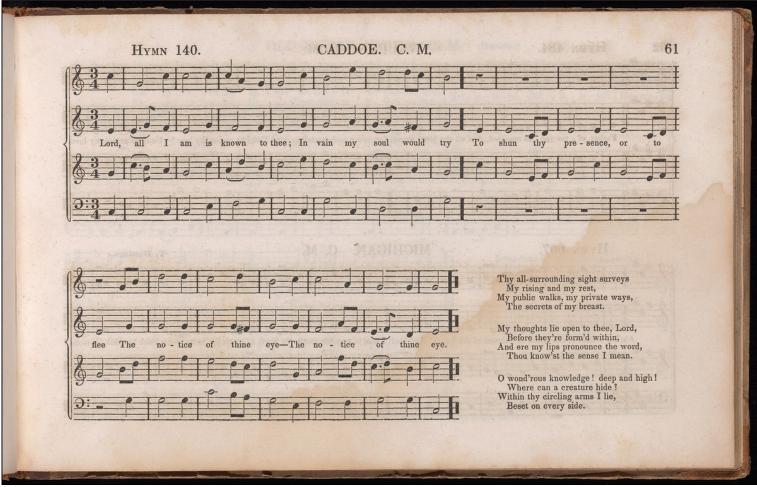










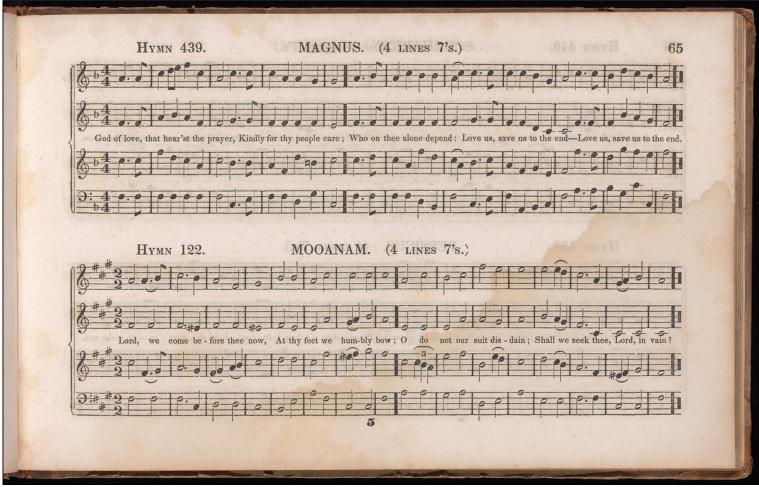




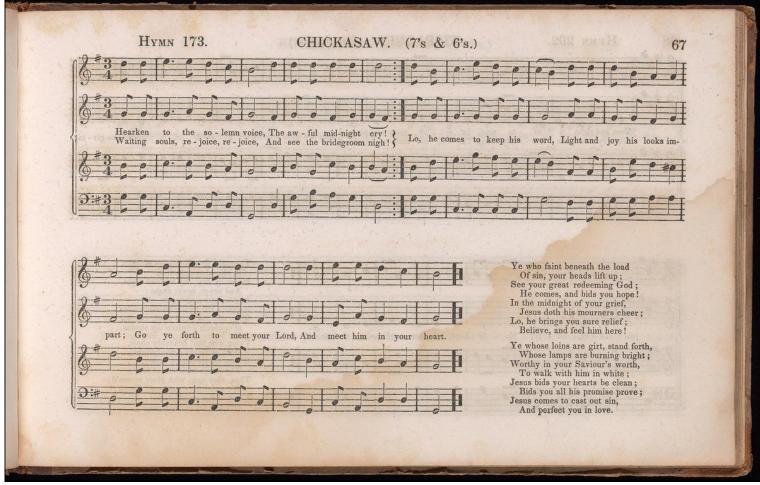




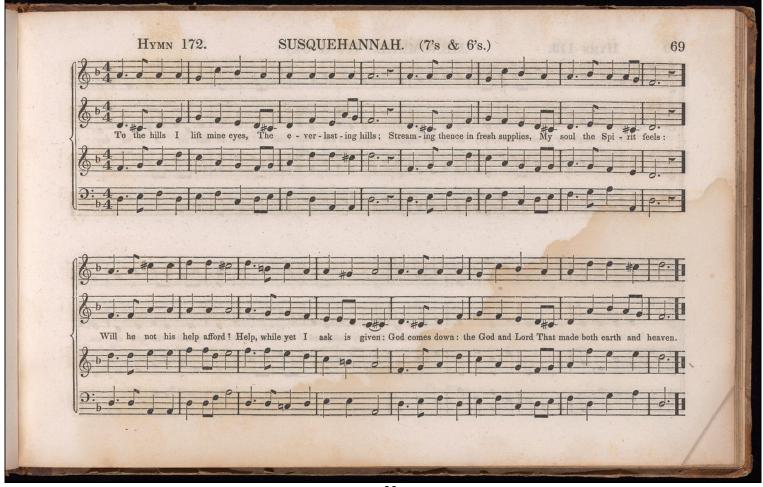
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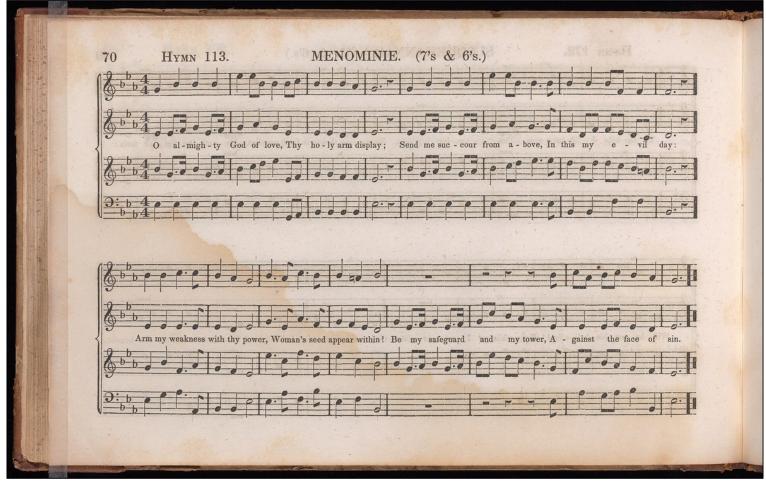


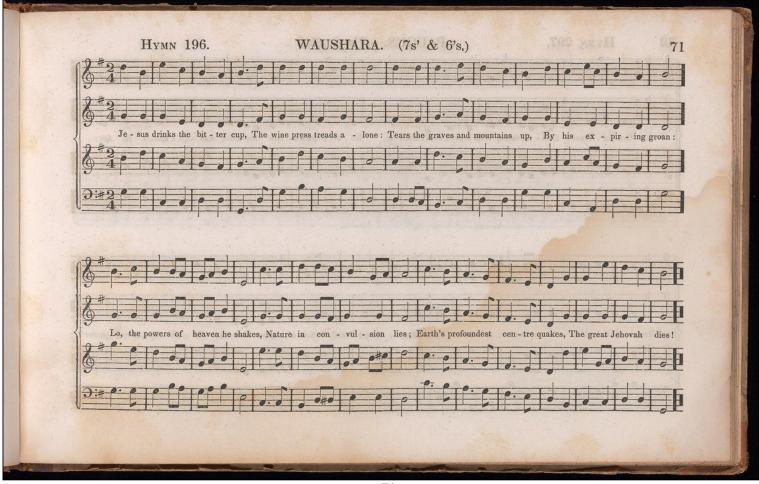


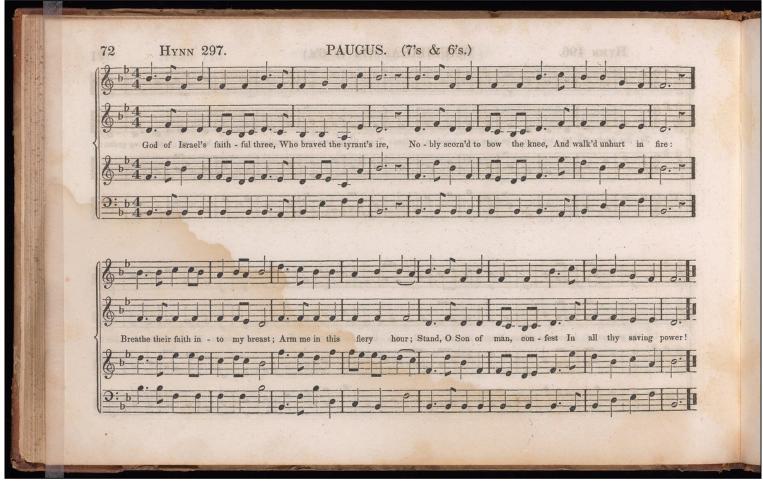


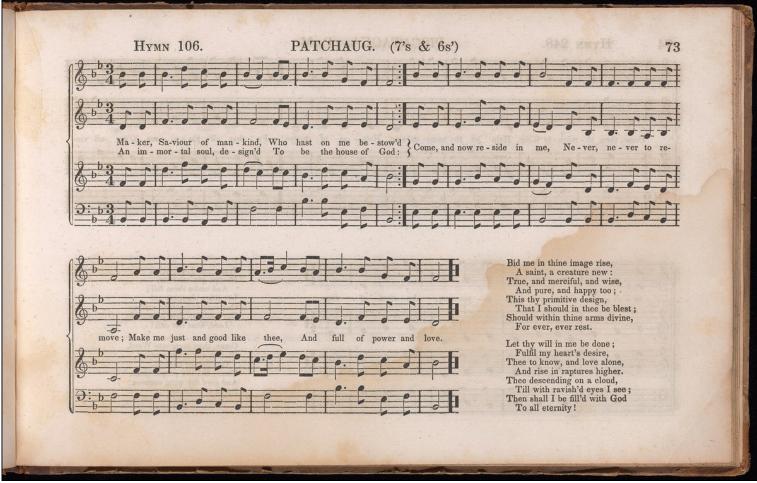




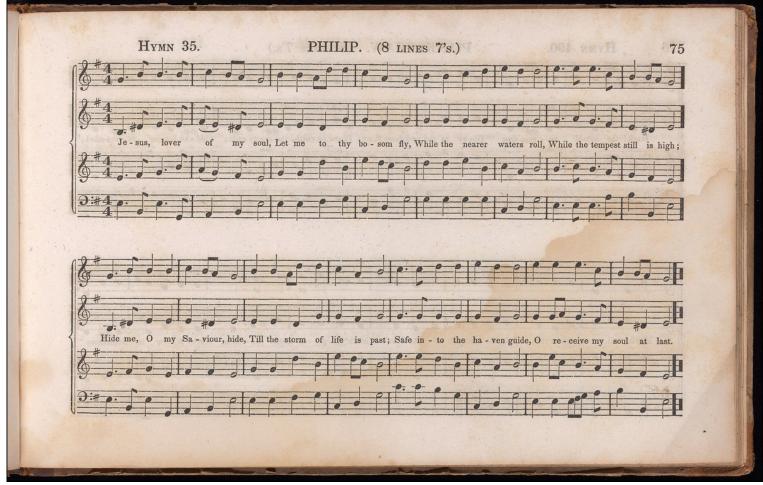


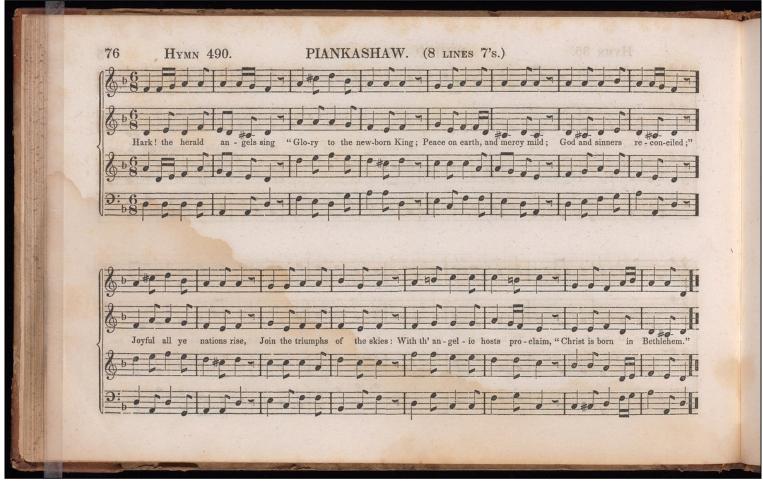


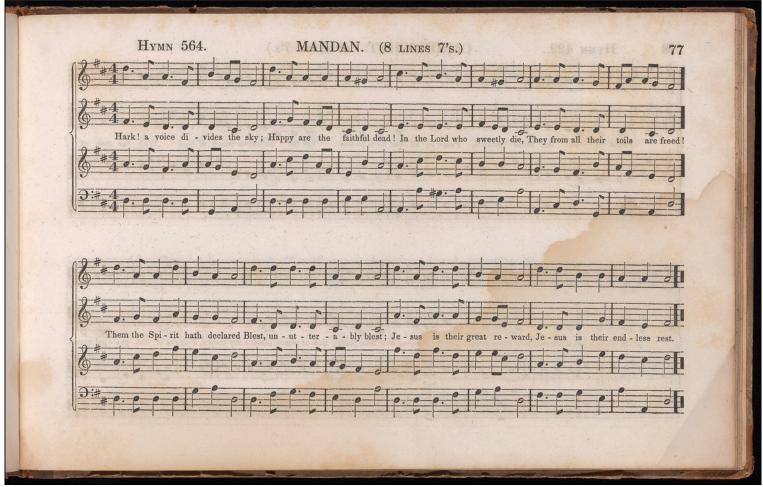




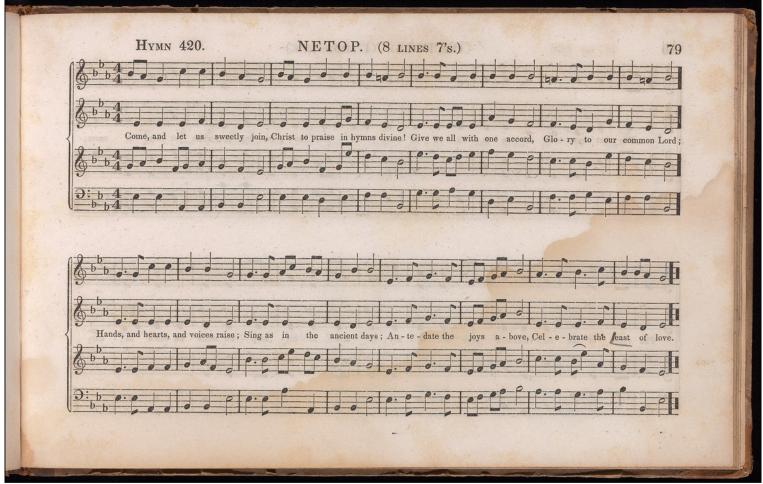


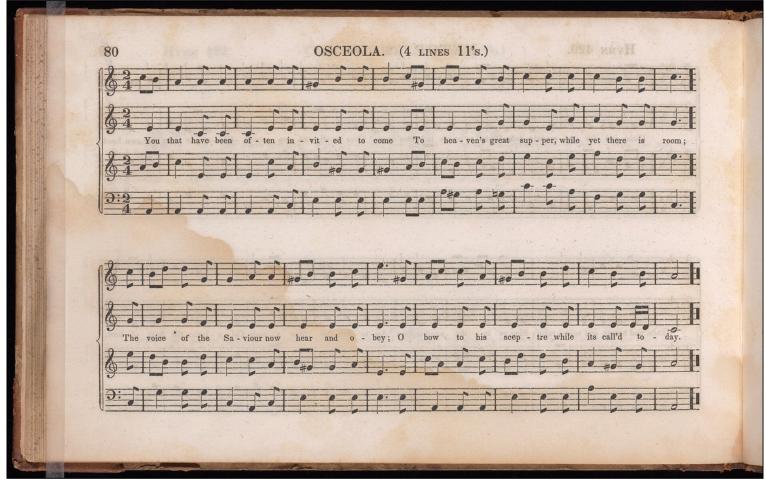


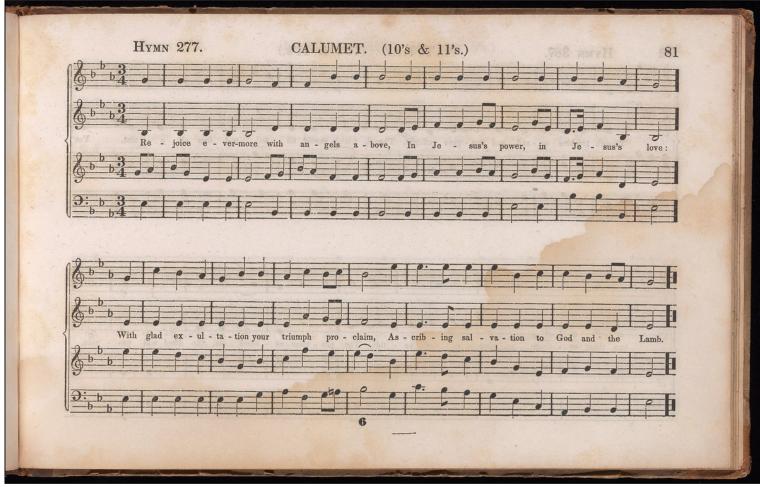


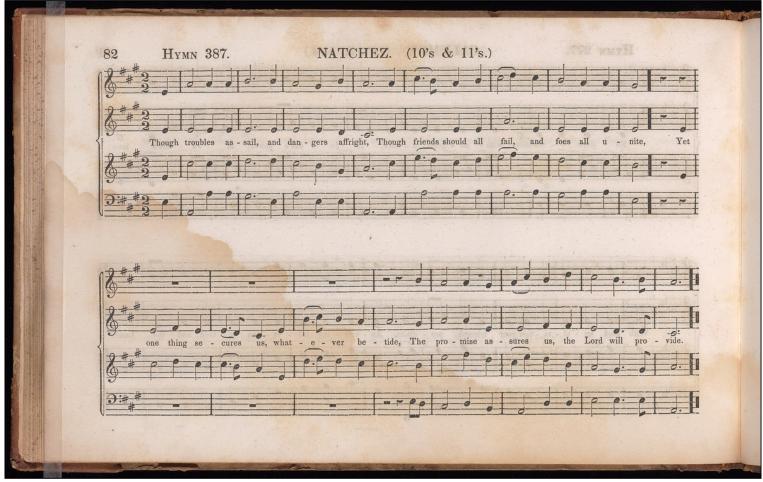


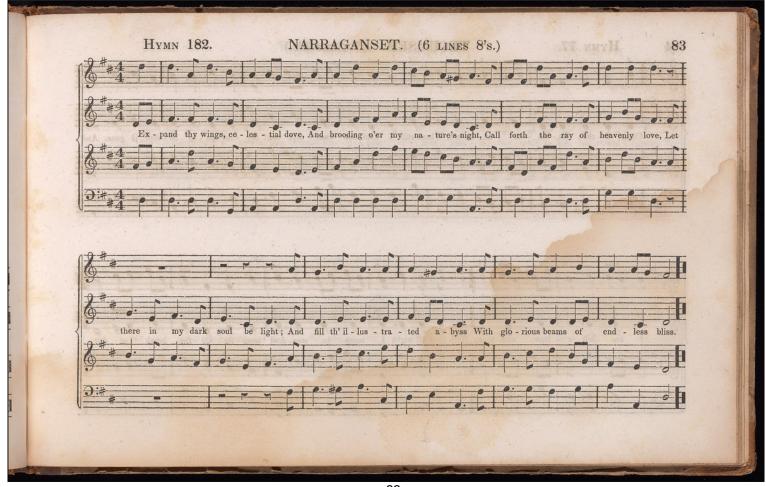






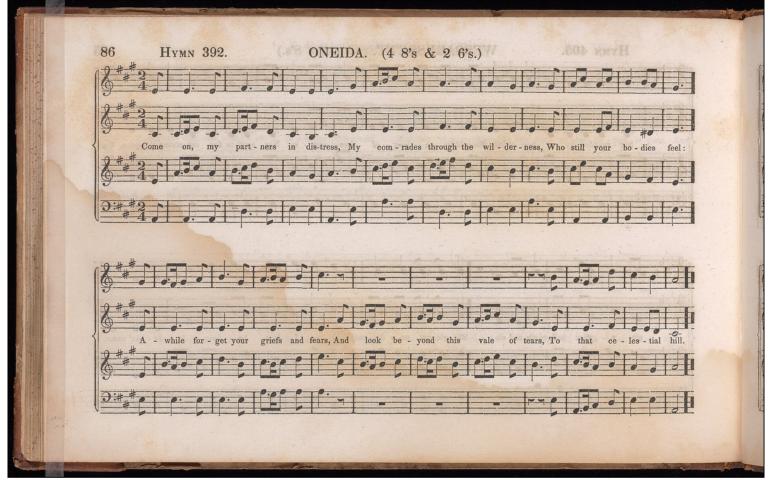


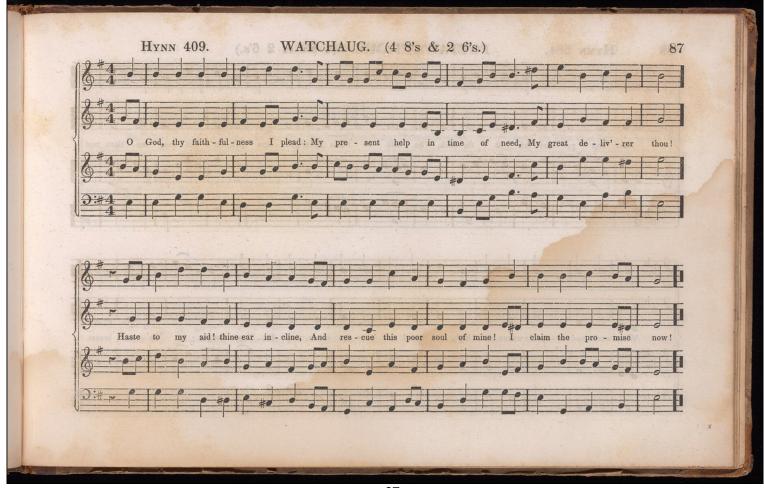






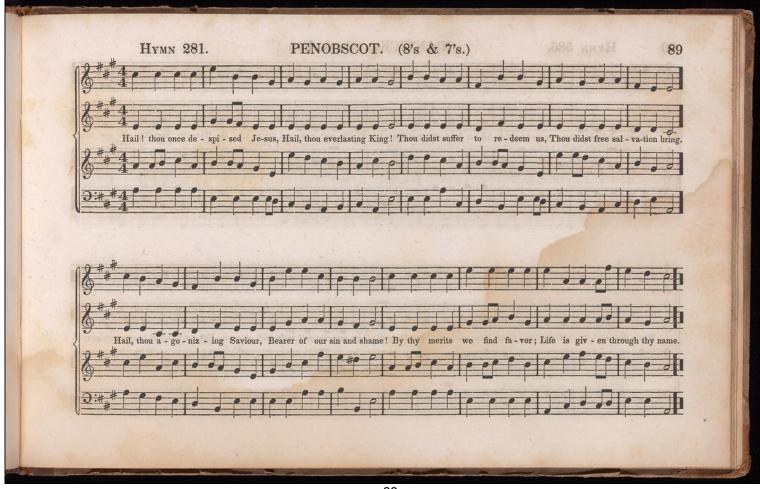




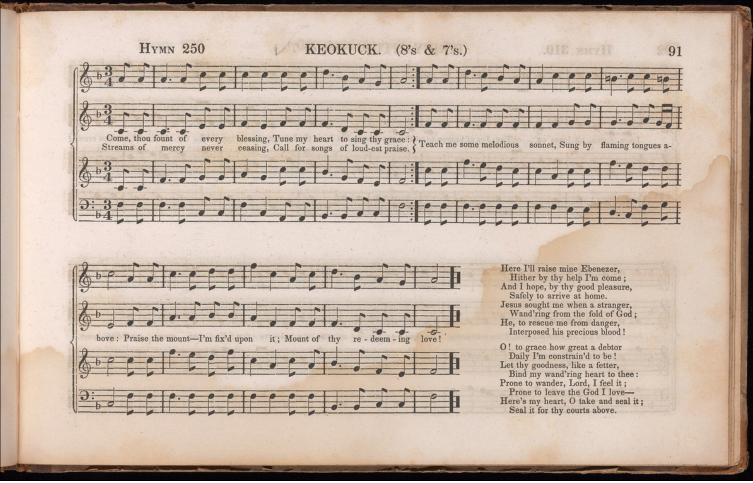


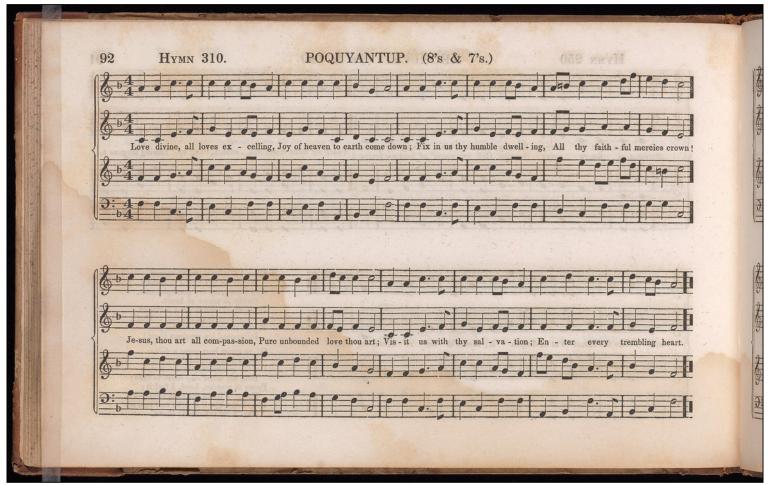
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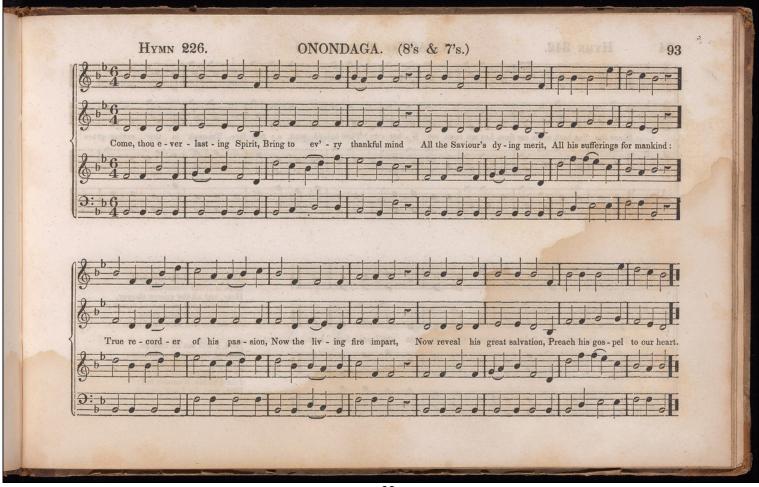


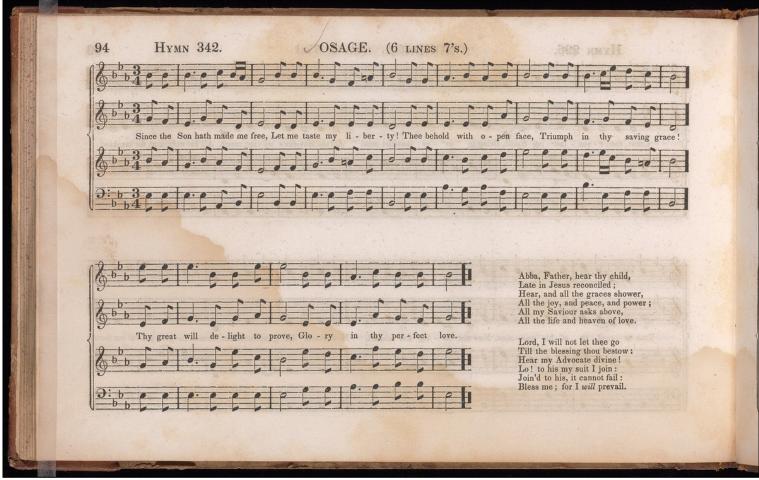


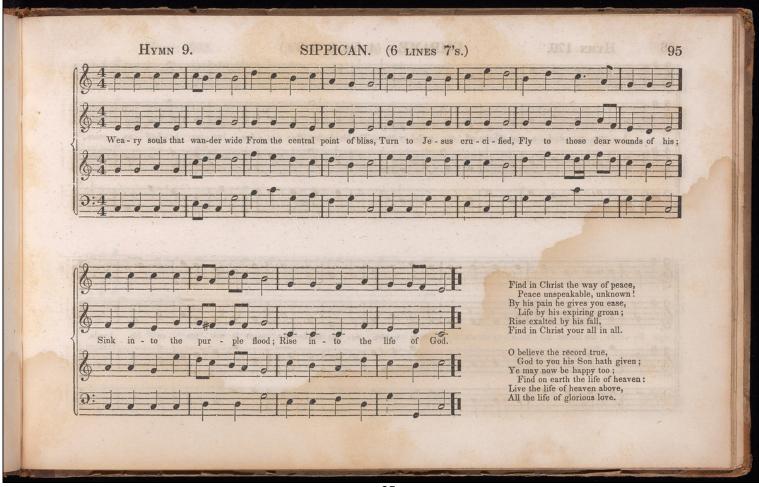


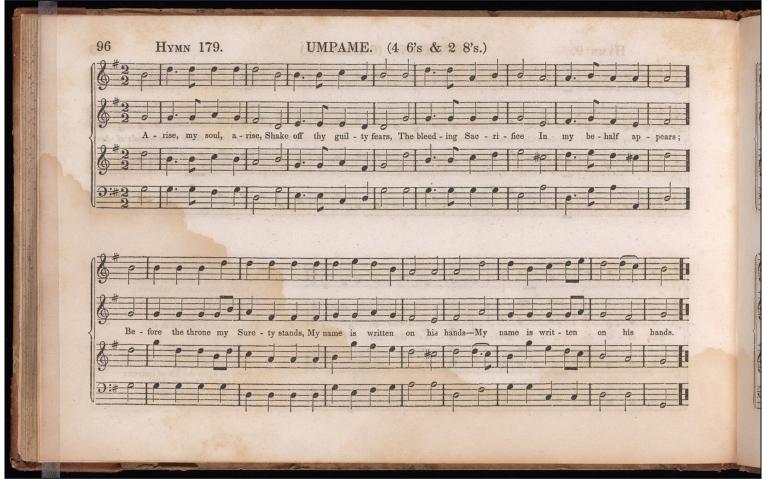




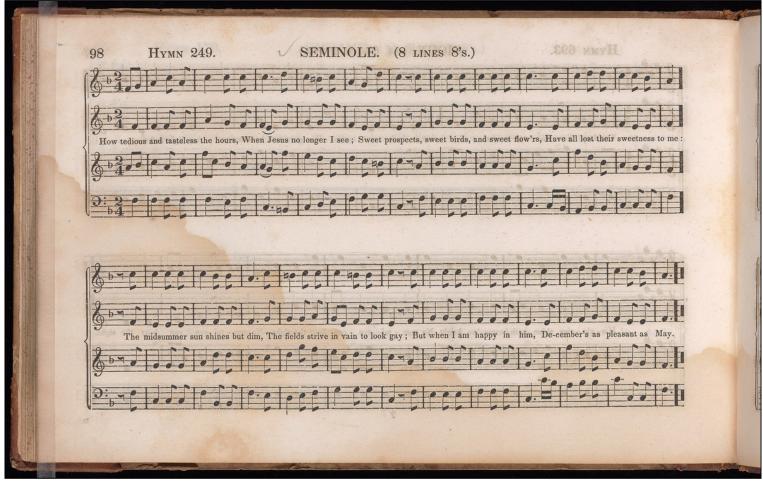


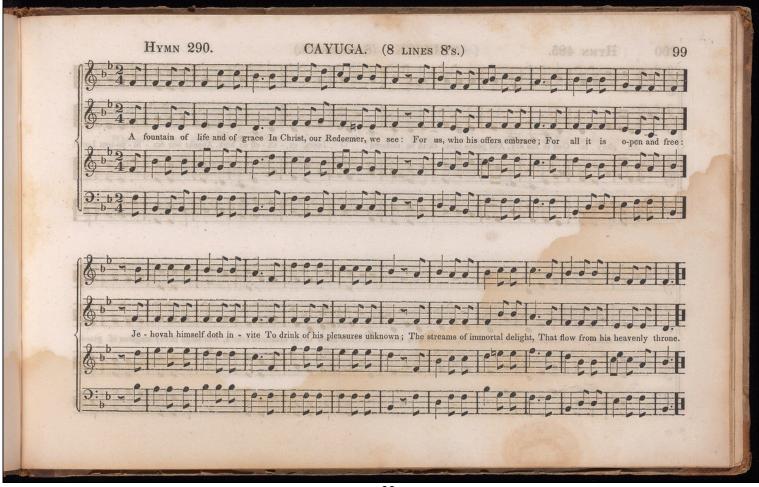


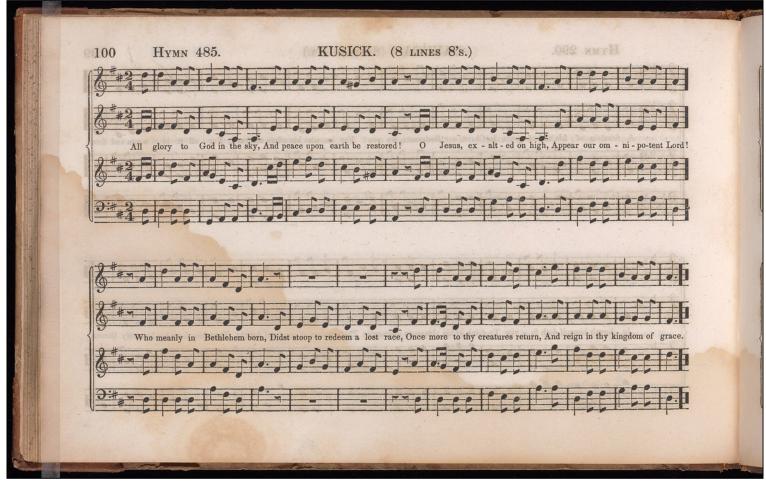


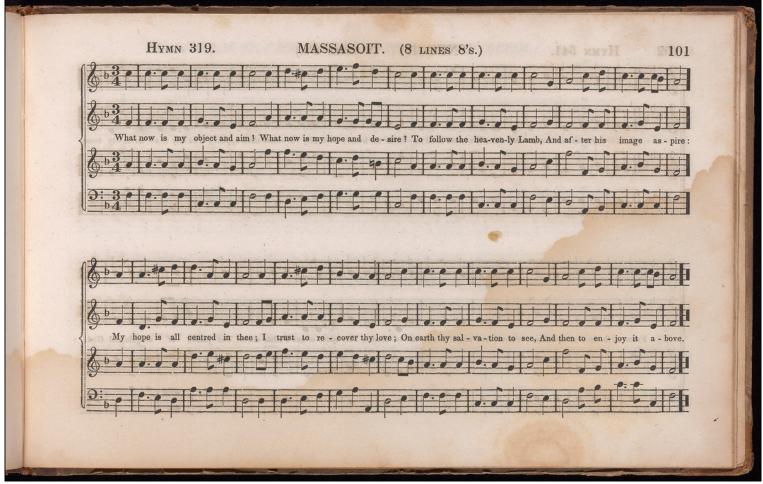


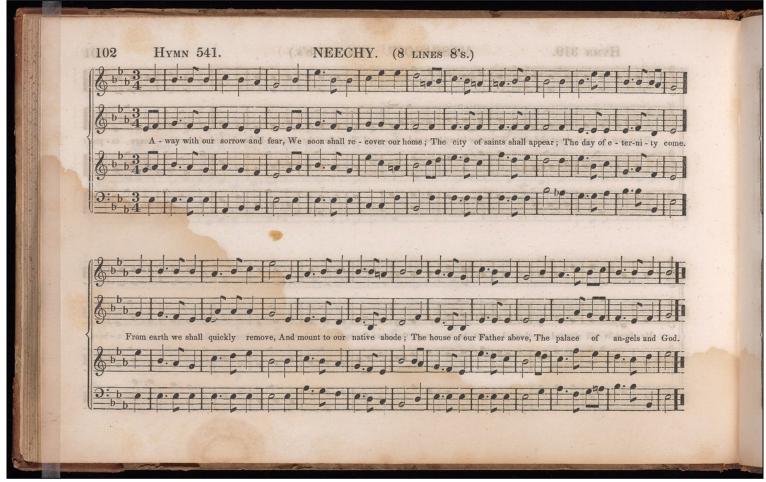


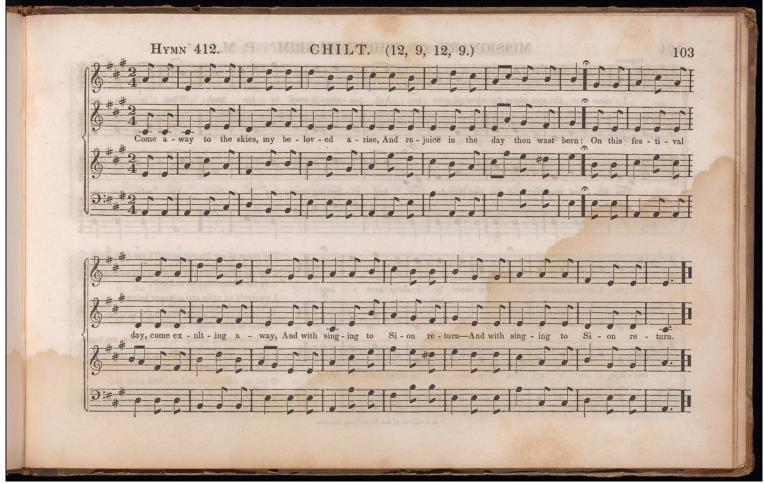


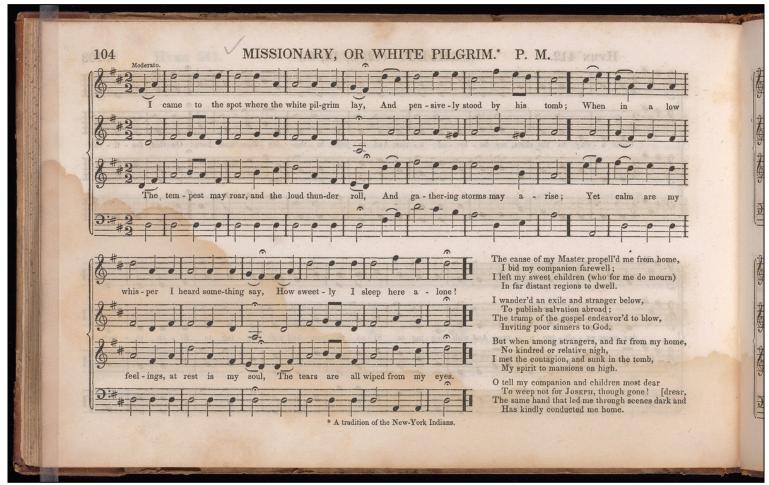




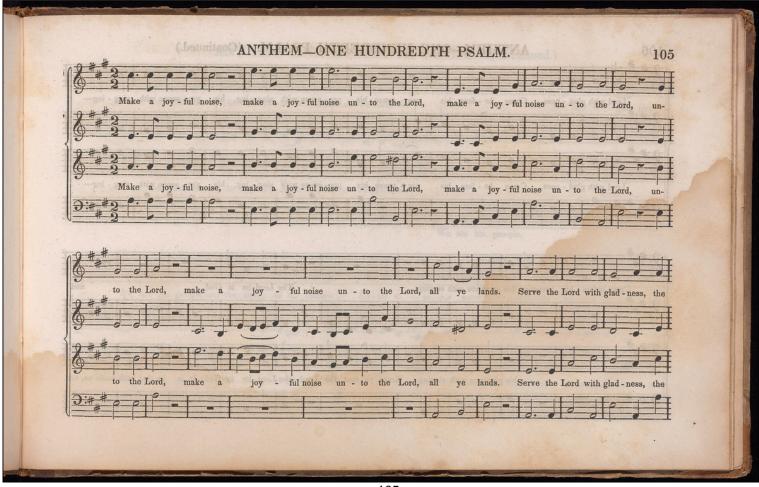


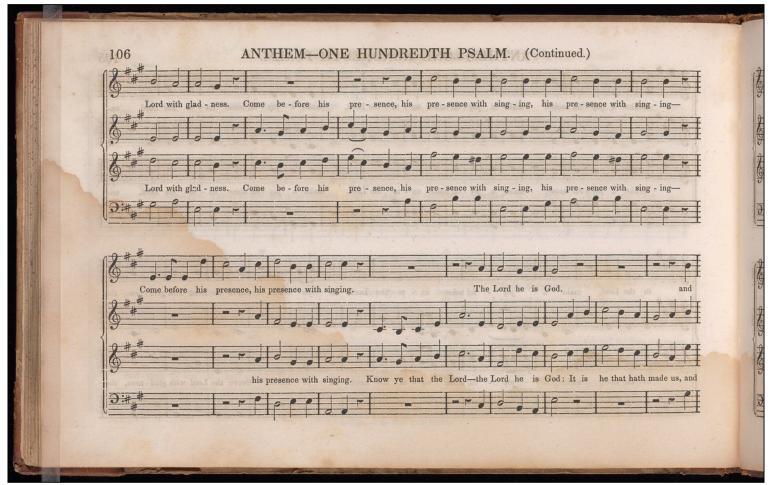




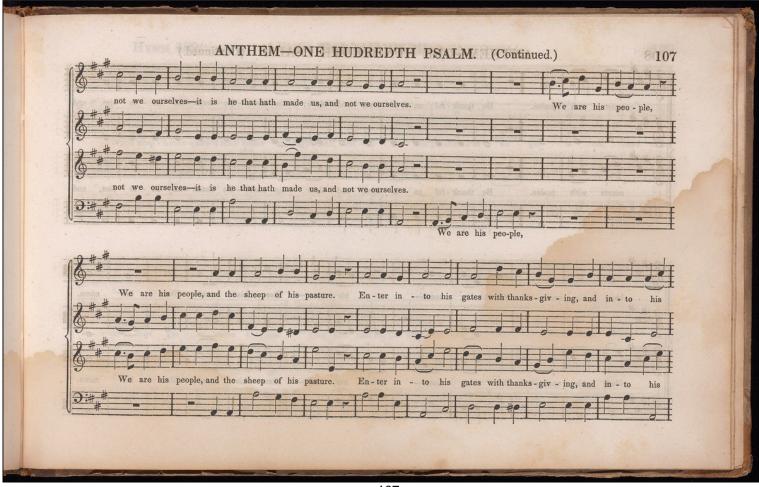


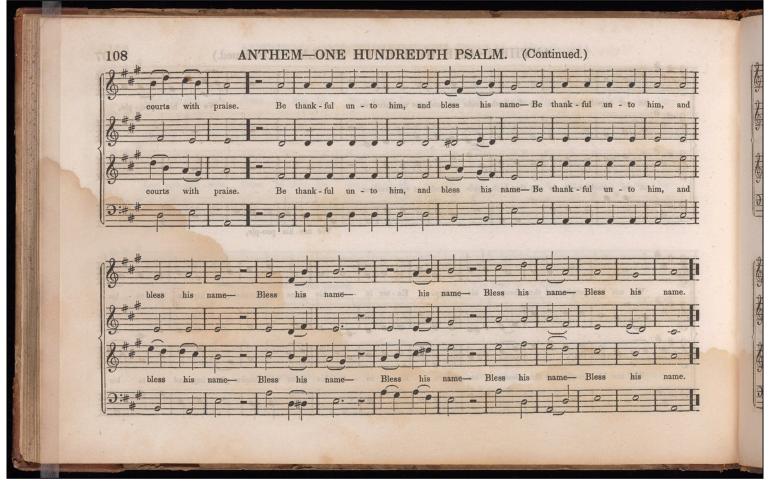
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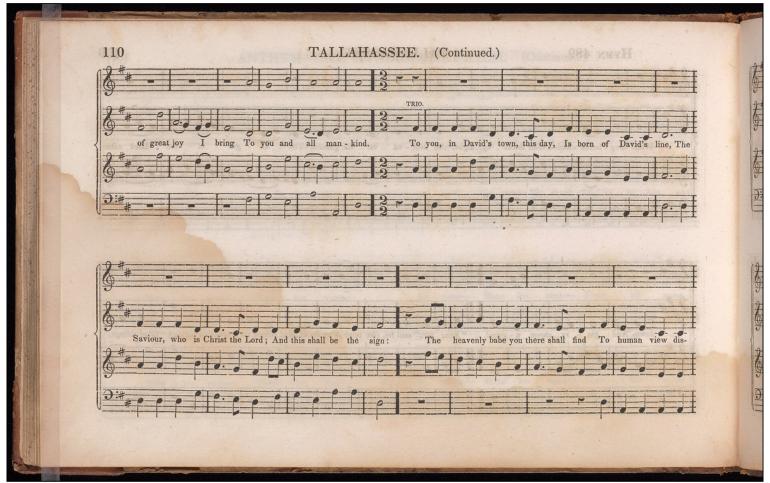


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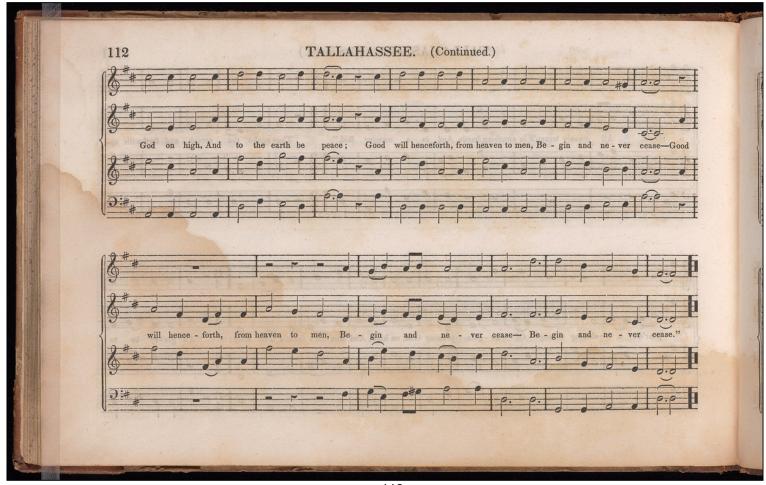




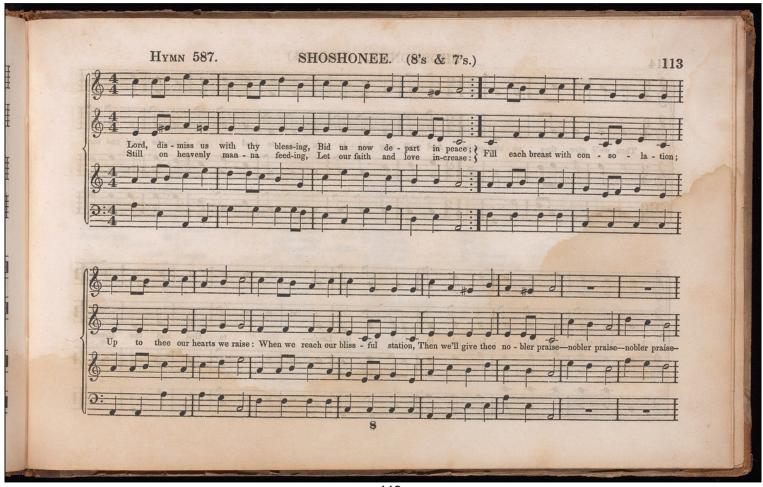




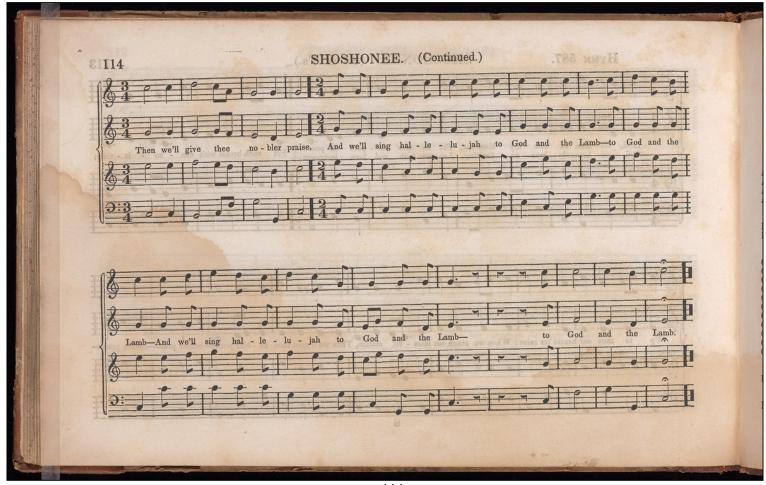




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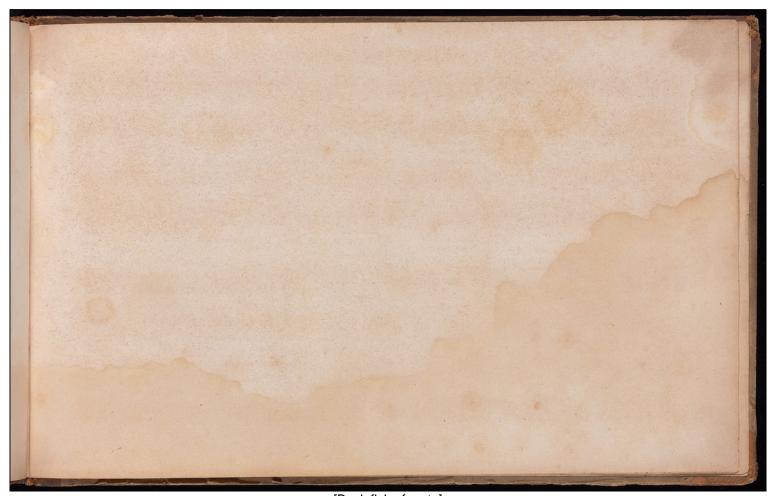
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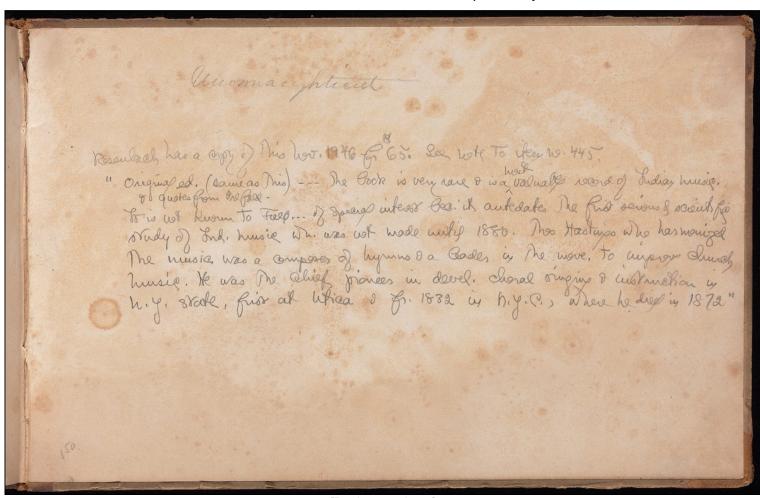
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