

# London Gallery Quire 308

The greatness of God in his love has been shown

Bramley, attr. William Knapp (1698-1768)

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[♩]=120

Soprano

1. The great-ness of God in his love has been shown, The light of his  
 2. He rolls the grim dark-ness and sor-row a-way And brings all our  
 3. And, though we have sinned like the Pro-di-gal Son, His love to our  
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Alto

Tenor [Air]

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Bass

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 blood, And God is re-vealed as the lov-ing and good.  
 cord, Will mas-ter op-pres-sion and shat-ter the sword:  
 rise And blaze for their neigh-bours the Way of the Wise:

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The Light of the World in the dark - ness has shone, And  
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grows in our sight as the a - ges flow on.  
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The first known printed version of this setting appeared in *Anthems for Christmas Day*, (1743) compiled by William Knapp (1698-1768). The text there is the Christmas carol *A Virgin Unspotted the Prophet Foretold*. Nicholas Temperley's *Hymn Tune Index* (OUP, 1998) attributes the composition to Knapp, but as it turns up in so many versions in the folk tradition, it is possible that Knapp simply made a harmonisation of an existing melody. A later version of this tune appears under the name *Bramley* in some modern hymn books.