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The sun declines

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1. The sun declines; o'er land and sea
Creeps on the night;
The twinkling stars come one by one
To shed their light;
With thee there is no darkness, Lord;
With us abide,
And 'neath thy wings we rest secure,
This eventide.

2. Forgive the wrong this day we've done,
Or thought, or said;
Each moment with its good or ill
To thee has fled;

O Father, in thy mercy great
Will we confide;
Thy benediction now bestow
This eventide.

3. And when, with morning light we rise,
Kept by thy care,
We'll lift to thee with grateful hearts
Our morning prayer.
Be thou through life our Strength and Stay,
Our Guard and Guide
To that dear home where there will be
No eventide.