

Eternal Father, Strong To Save

Verses 1-3 by William Whiting, *cento, alt.* (1860), Verse 4 by Mary C. D. Hamilton (1915);
Music “Melita” by John Bacchus Dykes (1861)

Meter: 88 88 88 – Key of G – 4/4 Time

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Introduction: Last line of verse.

G **C** **G**
1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
 Em7 **D** **Asus** **D**
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
 D7 **G** **E7** **A**
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
 Bm
Its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep;
 G7 **C** **A** **D**
 Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
 G **D** **G**
 For those in peril on the sea!

G **C** **G**
2. O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
 Em7 **D** **Asus** **D**
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,
 D7 **G** **E7** **A**
Who walked up-on the foaming deep,
 Bm
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
 G7 **C** **A** **D**
 Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
 G **D** **G**
 For those in peril on the sea!

G **C** **G**
3. Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
 Em7 **D** **Asus** **D**
Up-on the chaos dark and rude,
 D7 **G** **E7** **A**
And bid its angry tumult cease,
 Bm
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
 G7 **C** **A** **D**
 Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
 G **D** **G**
 For those in peril on the sea!

G **C** **G**
4. Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
 Em7 **D** **Asus** **D**
Through the great spaces in the sky.
 D7 **G** **E7** **A**
Be with them always in the air,
 Bm
In darkening storms or sunlight fair;
 G7 **C** **A** **D**
 Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
 G **D** **G** **C** **G**
 For those in peril on the sea! A - men.