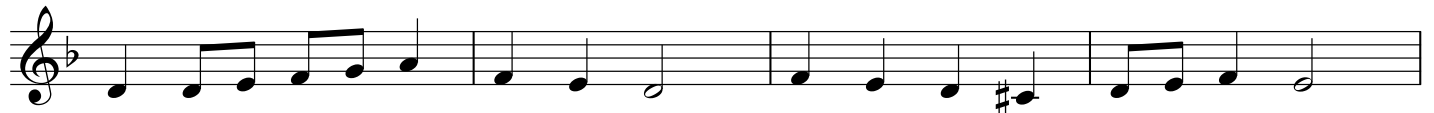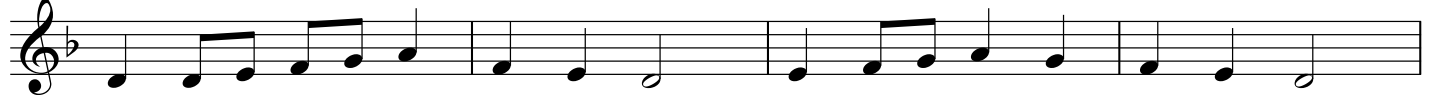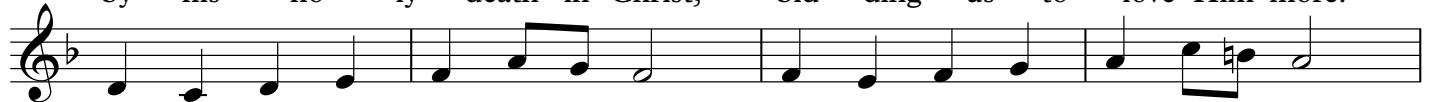# Gently, Gently Close His Eyes

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2. Fall - ing brave - ly at his post, a true lead - er in the fight
3. In his priest - ly robes he lies, as he at the Al - tar stood,
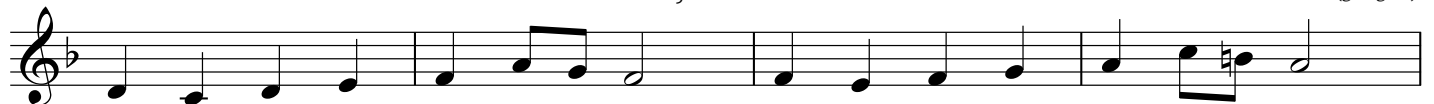4. To us now in loft - ier strain doth he speak as ne'er be - fore;

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waged a - gainst the foes of god, passed from dark - ness in - to light:
tell - ing of God's grac - ious love for our man and wo - man - hood.
by his ho - ly death in Christ, bid - ding us to love Him more.

In the sun - shine of the Spring, in the time of prayer and fast,
he hath en - tered in - to rest, left us ere the Eas - ter - time;
Slow - ly, sad - ly, with bowed head, bear him to the vill - age fane,
'Neath the chan - cel's sac - red pave, lay him in the ho - ly ground,

fell he at the Al - tar's foot, war - ri - or un - to the last.
we have plucked our snow - y flowers ere we hear its hap - py chime.
there his sol - emn, earn - est voice nev - er shall be heard a - gain.
count less flowers their in - cense breathe; let the sol - emn an - them sound: (going on)

4. "Earth to earth, and dust to dust." Weep not for the spi - rit gone!

Rest to him is pas - sing sweet, now his ho - ly work is done.

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