

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save--William Whiting 1860**

Music:John B. Dykes 1861

Tune:Melita

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
Who badd'st its angry tumult cease,  
And gavest light and life and peace;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in dangers hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
And ever let there rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.