

538 - Once to Every Man and Nation

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, alt.

Key: A major
Meter: 4/4

JOHN ZUNDEL

INTRO **A D/A A | A E7 Fdim7 F#m | D A/E | E7 A**

VERSE 1 **A D/A A A E7 A**

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D2(#4) D A/E E7 A

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A D/A A A E7 Fdim7 F#m D A/E E7 A

In the strife of | truth with false- hood, | For the good or | evil side;

F#m C#7 F#m C#

Some great cause, some | great decision,

A D/A A E/B B7 E

Off'ring each the | bloom or blight,

A D/A A A E7 Fdim7 F#m

And the choice goes | by for- ev- er

D A/E E7 A

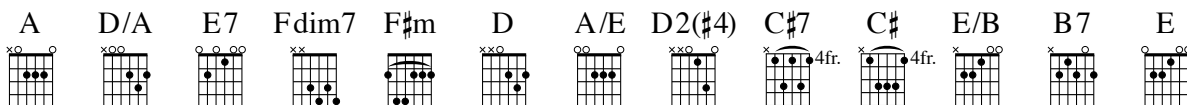
'Twixt that darkness | and that light.

TURN-AROUND **A D/A A | A E7 Fdim7 F#m | D A/E | E7 A**

VERSE 2 Then to side with truth is noble, When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit, And 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses While the coward stands aside,
Till the multitude make virtue Of the faith they had denied.

VERSE 3 By the light of burning martyrs, Christ, Thy bleeding feet we track,
Toiling up new Calv'ries ever With the cross that turns not back;
New occasions teach new duties, Ancient values test our youth;
They must upward still and onward, Who would keep abreast of truth.

VERSE 4 Tho' the cause of evil prosper, Yet the truth alone is strong;
Tho' her portion be the scaffold, And upon the throne be wrong:
Yet that scaffold sways the future, And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, Keeping watch above His own.



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