

The Fathers Built This City

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1. The fa - thers built this cit - y In ag - es long a - go,
 2. Yet still the cit - y stand - eth, A hive of toil - ing men,
 3. Let all the peo - ple praise Thee, Give all Thy sav - ing health,
 4. A com - mon - weal of broth - ers, U - nit - ed, great and small,

And bus - y in the bus - y streets, They hur - ried to and fro;
 And moth - er's love makes hap - py home For chil - dren now as then;
 Or vain the la - b'rer's strong right arm And vain the mer - chant's wealth;
 Up - on our ban - ner blaz - on'd be The Char - ter, "Each for all!"

The chil - dren played a - round them, And sang the songs of yore,
 O God of ag - es help us, Such cit - i - zens to be,
 Send out Thy light to ban - ish The shad - ows of the shame,
 Nor let us cease from bat - tle, Nor wea - ry sheathe the sword,

Till one by one they fell a - sleep, To work and play no more.
 That chil - dren's chil - dren here may sing The songs of lib - er - ty.
 Till all the civ - ic vir - tues shine A - round our cit - y's name.
 Un - til this cit - y is be - come The cit - y of the Lord. A - men.

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