O God, Who Holdest in Thy Hand
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1)O God, Who holdest in Thy hand
The islands of the sea;
Whose bounty makes our native land
So glorious, great, and free:

2)We bless Thee for Thy guardian care,
Who dost our foes restrain,
And for the freedom, large and fair,
Our fathers died to gain.

3)Now bend our hearts to Thy command;
And grant us wisdom true
To know the times, and understand
What England ought to do.

4)The heat of party strife abate,
And teach us how to choose
Good men and wise to guide the State-
The evil to refuse.

5)Let all our chosen rulers hail
The kingdom of Thy Son,
And strive that virtue may prevail,
That justice may be done:

6)That so the land Thou deign'st to bless
May flourish, all our days,
In freedom, peace, and righteousness;
And Thine shall be the praise. Amen.