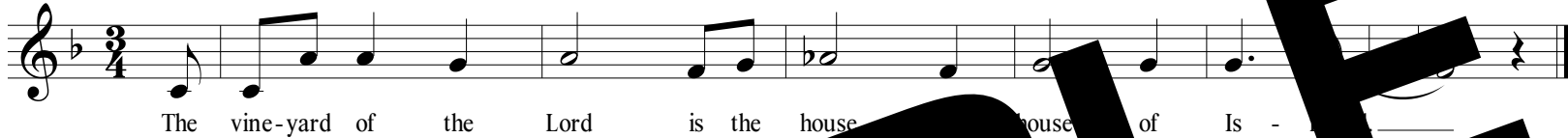


The Vineyard of the Lord

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The vine- yard of the Lord is the house of the LORD of hosts, the house of the LORD of hosts, the house of the LORD of hosts, the house of the LORD of hosts.

1. A vine from Egypt you transplanted; once you were the LORD of hosts.
you drove away the nations and sited it; you took counsel from heaven, and you said,
It put forth its roots to the Sea, and it made canals for this vine,
its shoots as the cedars of Lebanon. How will you prosper what your right hand has planted,
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

2. Why have you broken down its walls,
so that every one who passes its border
will tear from it a branch for fuel, and will waste,
and the east wind will sweep it away, and the field feed upon it?

4. Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.