

283 God Marked a Line and Told the Sea

KEDRON LM

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As in Pillsbury's *United States Harmony*, 1799

Thomas H. Troeger, 1986

1. God marked a line and told the sea Its
 2. God set one lim - it in the glade Where
 3. The line, the lim - it, and the law Are
 4. But, dis - con - tent with fi - nite powers, We

surg - ing tides and waves were free To trav - el up the
 tempt - ing, fruit - ed branch - es swayed, And that first lim - it
 pat - terns meant to help us draw A bound be - tween what
 reach to take what is not ours And then de - fend our

slop - ing strand But not to o - ver - take the land.
 stands be - hind The lim - its that the law de - fined.
 life re - quires And all the things our heart de - sires.
 claim by force And swerve from life's in - tend - ed course.

5. We are not free when we're confined
 To every wish that sweeps the mind,
 But free when freely we accept
 The sacred bounds that must be kept.

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O God, What You Ordain Is Right 284

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Samuel Rodigast, c. 1675

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, 1863; alt.

Severus Gastorius, 1679

Harm. *Common Service Book*, 1917

1. O God, what You or - dain is right, Your ho - ly will a -
 2. O God, what You or - dain is right; You nev - er will de -
 3. O God, what You or - dain is right; Here shall my stand be

bid - ing; I shall be still, what - e'er You do, And fol - low
 ceive me. You lead me by the prop - er path; I know You
 tak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, Yet I am

where You are guid - ing. You are my God; Though dark my road, You hold me
 will not leave me. And take, con - tent, What You have sent; Your hand can
 not for - sak - en. Your watch - ful care Is round me there; You hold me

that I shall not fall; Where - fore to You I leave it all.
 turn my griefs a - way, And pa - tient - ly I wait Your day.
 that I shall not fall, And so to You I leave it all.