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5. This law with Joseph was decreed

6. When God I say had thus prepar'd

Whereas the speech which he had heard

when he from Egypt came:

to bring him from the land:

he did not understand.

That as a witness all his seed

should still observe the same.

3. Blow as it were in the new Moon with Trumpets of the best:
As it is used to be done at any solemn feast.
4. For this is unto Isreal a statute and a trade:
A law that must be kept full well, which Jacobs God hath made.

Critical notes:

Editorial natural added in Medius bar 4, note 10; this setting is similar to the one of Psalms 77, 105 & 135; text somewhat modernised. 7. I from his shoulders took, said he, the burden clean away:And from the furnace set him free from burning brick of clay.8. When thou in grief didst cry and call I holp thee by and by:And I did answer thee withall in thunder secretly.

9. Yea, at the waters of discordI did thee tempt and prove:Whereas the goodness of the Lordwith muttering thou didst move.10. Hear O my folk, O Israeland I assure it thee:Regard and mark my words full well,if thou wilt cleave to me.

## The second part.

11. Thou shalt no God in thee reserve, of any land abroad:Nor in no wise to bow or serve a strange or foreign God.12. I am the Lord thy God, and I from Egypt set thee free:Then ask of me abundantly, and I shall give it thee.

13. And yet my people would not hear my voice when that I spake: Nor Israel would not abay, but did me quite forsake.14. Then did I leave them to their will, in hardness of their heart: To walk in their own counsel still themselves they might pervert.

15. O that my people would have heard the words that I did say:And eke that Israel would regard to walk within my way.16. How soon would I confound their foes, and bring them down full low:And turn my hand upon all those that would them overthrow ?

17. And they that at the Lord do rage, as slaves should seek them till:But of his folk the time and age should flourish ever still.18. I would have fed them with the crop and finest of the wheat:And made the rock with honey drop, that they their fills should eat.