

Softly Now the Day Is Ending

EVENING

Words: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1677. Translated by Jens Christian Aaberg, before 1927.
Music: 'Even Song' or 'Himlen aabnes Mørket Svinder' Andreas Peter Berggreen, 1852.
Setting: "Hymnal for Church and Home" (Danish Evangelical Lutheran Synods), 1927.
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♩ = 100

1. Sof - tly now the day is en - ding, Night o'er hill and vale de - scen - ding;
2. May Thy church Thy peace in - he - rit; Guide our lea - ders by Thy Spi - rit;
3. Keep me, Je - sus, while I slum - ber, From my pe - rils with - out num - ber;

I will kneel be - - fore Thee, Lord. Un - to Thee my thanks I ren - der
Give our coun - try strength and peace. To the sin - ner, sad and drea - ry,
Shield me, Mas - ter, in Thy might, That, re - leased from sin and sor - row,

That Thou didst, in mer - cy ten - der Life and peace to me ac - cord.
To each Chris - tian, faint or wea - ry, Give Thou so - lace and sur - cease.
I may sing this song to - mor - row: Je - sus was my Sun this night.