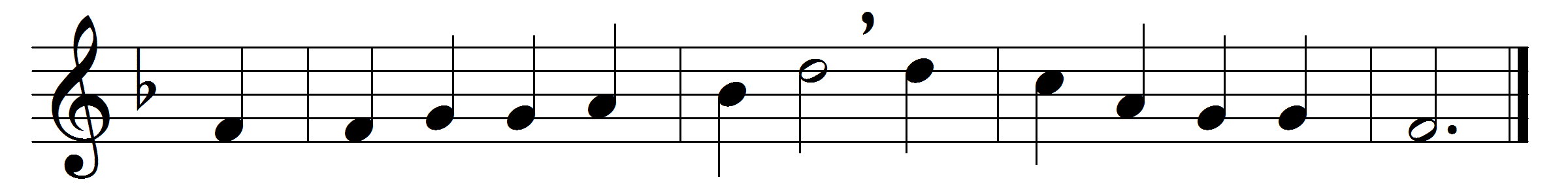
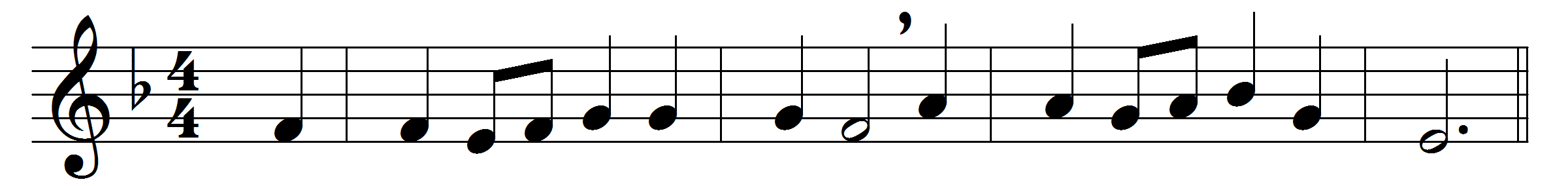
O happy band of pilgrims AMNS 208 Melody: Kocher 7 6. 7 6.



O happy band of pilgrims,  
if onward ye will tread  
with Jesus as your fellow  
to Jesus as your Head.

O happy if ye labour  
as Jesus did for men;  
O happy if ye hunger  
as Jesus hungered then.

The cross that Jesus carried  
he carried as your due:  
the crown that Jesus weareth  
he weareth it for you.

The faith by which ye see him,  
the hope in which ye yearn,  
the love that through all troubles  
to him alone will turn,

the trials that beset you,  
the sorrows ye endure,  
the manifold temptations  
that death alone can cure,

what are they but his jewels  
of right celestial worth?  
what are they but the ladder  
set up to heaven on earth?

O happy band of pilgrims,  
look upward to the skies,  
where such a light affliction  
shall win so great a prize.

Words: St. Joseph the Hymnographer (c. 810-c. 886), translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Justin Heinrich Knecht (1752-1817)