

# Esse Quam Videri

*To be rather than to seem to be*

1. High on the hill with the city below,

Up in the sunshine we live.

Would you ascend to us – listen and know,

This is a warning we give –

2. Come as our foe – but by day not by night –

Come as our friend, but be true.

Woe to the foe that's ashamed of the light;

Woe to the friend that is, too.

Chorus: When we are told

"This is pure gold"

Let it be gold in its ring

Little we care

What it may wear,

What is its self – that's the thing.

3. Shoulder to shoulder in war and peace,

Each of us sure of the rest;

Shoulder to shoulder, tho' hardships increase

Never dismayed, or distressed

4. So we do duty in every man's sight,

Friendly to all save to spies;

Making no truce with whatever the light

Shows up-bolstered with lies'.

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The image shows a handwritten musical score for the song "Esse Quam Videri". The score is written on four systems of staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The title "Truro School Song - 'Esse Quam Videri'" is written across the top of the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first two lines of the first verse. The second system contains the last two lines of the first verse. The third system is labeled "Chorus." and contains the first two lines of the chorus. The fourth system contains the last two lines of the chorus. The handwriting is clear and legible.