Rejoice, rejoice, believers



Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear. The evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising, and soon He draweth nigh. Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil. And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near. Go meet Him as He cometh, with alleluias clear.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear! Arise, Thou Sun so longed for, over this benighted sphere! With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

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