The strife is o'er, the battle won

Melchior Vulpius, c 1560-1615

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst;
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

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He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heaven’s high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell! Alleluia!

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Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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