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*Morning*

I

**W**AKE, awake to duty!  
See, the morning light  
Falls with radiant beauty  
From the arms of night.  
Claim the hours before thee  
For the tasks of life,  
Thousand calls implore thee  
From the din of strife.

II

Listless minds are dreaming,  
Idle hands are still;  
Evil hearts are scheming  
Purposes of ill.  
See the hands that beckon,  
Hear the call of right;  
Thou with God must reckon:  
Up, and toil and fight!

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III

Through the hours of morning,  
At the height of noon,  
When the light gives warning  
Night approaches soon:  
Do the task with gladness  
Which the hours present;  
Who can tell the sadness  
Of a day mis-spent?

IV

Day by day declineth,  
Time is getting hoar;  
Soon yon sun that shineth  
Sets for evermore.  
Ah, the City glorious,  
Where they need no sun,  
Ah, the band victorious,  
And the glad "Well done"!



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### I

**T**HINE be the glory, God of Light,  
For all the joy from morn that springs;  
Oh, may a morn dispel each night,  
And bless our lives with beauteous things.

### II

Give us this day the light that dwells  
In every heart Thy presence fills;  
That night with all its fears dispels,  
And life, and hope, and joy instils.

### III

Then shall our nights no darkness bring,  
But morn, bright morn, for ever shine;  
And when night spreads her dusky wings,  
More bright shall be the light Divine.

### IV

All praise to Thee, the God of Light;  
All praise to Christ, the glorious Son;  
And to the Spirit, Lord of might,  
Now, and while endless ages run.

## HYMNS OF THE EARLY CHURCH

### I

**W**ITH beauty decked the morn ascends,  
And all the earth is bright;  
And lo, the sun the darkness rends,  
And floods the sky with light.

### II

All hail, Thou Sun of Righteousness,  
Upon our night arisen!  
May sin no more our souls oppress,  
And bind in darksome prison.

### III

Let those that lie in slumber fast,  
Because the darkness reigns,  
The light behold, and straightway cast  
Aside their gloomy chains;

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### IV

And greet the light that makes them free,  
The bounding joy it brings;  
And share the calm felicity,  
That looks to heaven and sings.

### V

O Jesus Christ, our hearts aglow,  
Thy blessed advent hail;  
On us Thy healing virtue show,  
And o'er our ills prevail.

### VI

And let us walk as those whose eyes  
Have seen the light of heaven,  
Till light shall in our souls arise,  
Whence night and gloom are driven.