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"Not for the brightness of a mortal wreath,
Not for a place 'midst kingly minstrels dead;
But that perchance a faint gale of Thy breath,
A still, small whisper in my song hath led
One struggling spirit upwards to Thy throne,
Or but one hope, one prayer,—for this alone
I bless Thee, Oh my God."

HEMANS.



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HYMNS AND SONGS

FOR

The Christian Church.

HYMNS FOR ADVENT.

I.

"Now it is high time to awake out of sleep ; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent—the day is at hand."—ROMANS XIII., II., 12.

AWAKE ! awake ! the night is waning fast ;
Lo ! the dark hours of dream are well-nigh past.
The day is near at hand. Awake, arise !
Is there no glimmering in the eastern skies ?

Go ! ask the watchman how wears on the night—
Inquire if yet the first faint beams of light,
The first pure streak, his aching heart descries ;
If yet the coming of the dawn he spies ?

Yes, even so ! A soft grey tinge is there—
A breaking of the clouds. The morning air
Blows freshly o'er the mountain side,
And wakes the young waves of the rolling tide.