THE APPEARANCE OF CHRIST



- 2. Then to learned scribes and sages, seeking Christ, I wandered on, but upon their barren pages
 Jacob's star had never shone; true indeed, like men in prison groping for the light of day, spake they of the Light new-risen, but themselves saw not one ray.
- Jo the temple I was guided by the altar-fire and lights, but, though all else was provided, Christ was absent from the rites.Then more precious time I wasted in thy streets, Jerusalem, but I sought in vain, and hasted on my way to Bethlehem.
- 4. In the streets I wandered slowly, looking for some trusty guide; all was dark and melancholy, none I met with far and wide.
 On a sudden I perceivèd o'er my head a star to shine; lo, because I had believèd, and had sought him, Christ was mine.
- 5. Only seek, and you will find him, never cease to seek the Lord; and should he delay, remind him boldly of his plighted word.
 Follow him, and he will lead you; trust him in the darkest night;
 Jacob's star will still precede you,
 Jacob's star will give you light.

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