THE LIGHT OF LIFE



- 2. Suns may rise and suns may set, summers come and summers go, earth its wintry grave forget, when the vernal breezes blow;
- 3. but the day would be as night, and the summer winter prove, if the rising of thy light did not wake our souls to love.
- 4. O the blessedness of those who thine inner sunshine feel, with its calm and soft repose, gently o'er their spirits steal;
- 5. who, as earth doth own the power of her sun her life to wake, burst, as doth an opening flower, into life for Jesus' sake!
- 6. In his house, in holy mood, we have knelt and prayed today, by his body and his blood strengthened for our heavenly way:
- 7. in the manger we have laid all our worldly pomp and pride, where with beasts the Saviour made his first cradle, side by side:

- 8. on the mountain we have heard sweeter chimes than ever rang, or Creation's silence stirred since the stars of morning sang:
- 9. one bright angel told the story,myriads answered him again:'Unto God in highest, glory!Peace on earth, good will toward men.'
- 10. In our homes his blessed name brightens joy round every hearth, and its meetest place doth claim in the Christian's evening mirth.
- 11. Homes with crowded love were fair, on the night when thou wast born; fill them, Lord, with love and prayer for the day of thy return.
- 12. And as thou, to make us thine, stooped a mortal man to be, fill us with thy life divine, lift our life in love to thee.

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