

- 2. Light of the world! for ever, ever shining, there is no change in thee; true light of life, all joy and health enshrining, thou canst not fade nor flee.
- 3. Thou hast arisen, but thou descendest never; today shines as the past: all that thou wast, thou art, and shalt be ever, brightness from first to last!
- 4. Night visits not thy sky, nor storm, nor sadness; day fills up all its blue; unfailing beauty, and unfaltering gladness, and love for ever new!
- 5. Why walk in darkness? Our true Light yet shineth; it is not night, but day! All healing and all peace his light enshrineth; why shun his loving ray?
- 6. Are night and shadows better, truer, dearer, than day and joy and love? Do tremblings and misgivings bring us nearer to the great God of love?
- 7. Light of the world! undimming and unsetting, oh shine each mist away! Banish the fear, the falsehood, and the fretting; be our unchanging day!

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