## THE WINTER IS PAST



- 2. Age of the peaceful, joy in thy train;age of the holy, welcome again!
- 3. Age of the iron, vanish your years; age of the golden now reappears.
- 4. Love in its gladness shines from above; peace in its pureness comes with the love.
- 5. Light of the holy covers the earth; life of the blessed springs into birth.

- 6. Sword of the spoiler, sheathe thee at last; hosts are disbanding, havoc is past.
- 7. Flag of the mighty, lower thy star; idle thy flaunting, silent the war.
- 8. Tower of the watchman, needed no more, level thy bulwarks, agèd and hoar.
- 9. Bar, gate and rampart, sink in the dust;helmet and buckler, moulder and rust.

- 10. Shout of the victoro'er the oppressed;wail of the vanquished,be now at rest!
- 11. Sigh of the captive, sink into peace; song of the warrior, now thou shalt cease.
- 12. Roar of the breaker, melt into calm; gale of the desert, breathe into balm.
- 13. Wail of the shipwreck, rise thou no more; silent the tempest, tranquil the shore.
- 14. Palm of the moonlight, wave thou above; tell of the triumph, speak of the love.
- 15. Roses of Sharon, muster your flowers; snow of the myrtle, whiten our bowers.
- 16. Bloom of the almond, gladden our spring; scent of the citron, sweet odour fling.
- 17. Dew of the morning, scatter your gold; dew of the evening, splendour unfold.

- 18. Song of the song-bird, send out your strain; voice of the turtle, steal o'er the plain.
- 19. Summer-bright beauty maketh earth fair; summer-sweet fragrance filleth the air.
- 20. Summer-green verdure smiles o'er the plain; summer-glad radiance shines o'er the main.
- 21. Past is earth's winter, bright is its May; rise up, my fair one, haste, come away:
- 22. Daughter of Zion, sorrow no more; light is arising, darkness is o'er.
- 23. Shame is forgotten, exile is past; beauty for ashes cometh at last.
- 24. Lebanon's glory riseth to view;Carmel and Sharon flourish anew.

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