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Morning

WAKE, awake to duty! See, the morning light Falls with radiant beauty From the arms of night. Claim the hours before thee For the tasks of life, Thousand calls implore thee From the din of strife.

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Listless minds are dreaming, Idle hands are still; Evil hearts are scheming Purposes of ill. See the hands that beckon, Hear the call of right; Thou with God must reckon: Up, and toil and fight!

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Through the hours of morning, At the height of noon, When the light gives warning Night approaches soon: Do the task with gladness Which the hours present; Who can tell the sadness Of a day mis-spent?

IV

Day by day declineth, Time is getting hoar; Soon yon sun that shineth Sets for evermore. Ah, the City glorious, Where they need no sun, Ah, the band victorious, And the glad "Well done"!

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I

THINE be the glory, God of Light, For all the joy from morn that springs; Oh, may a morn dispel each night, And bless our lives with beauteous things.

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Give us this day the light that dwells In every heart Thy presence fills; That night with all its fears dispels, And life, and hope, and joy instils.

III

Then shall our nights no darkness bring, But morn, bright morn, for ever shine; And when night spreads her dusky wings, More bright shall be the light Divine.

IV

All praise to Thee, the God of Light; All praise to Christ, the glorious Son; And to the Spirit, Lord of might, Now, and while endless ages run.

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WITH beauty decked the morn ascends, And all the earth is bright; And lo, the sun the darkness rends, And floods the sky with light.

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All hail, Thou Sun of Righteousness, Upon our night arisen! May sin no more our souls oppress, And bind in darksome prison.

III

Let those that lie in slumber fast, Because the darkness reigns, The light behold, and straightway cast Aside their gloomy chains;