Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear:

2. The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bride-groom near.

3. You saints who here in patience Your cross and sufferings bore,

4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;

The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.

Go, meet Him as He cometh, With hallelujahs clear.

Shall live and reign forever, When sorrow is no more.

Arise, O sun so longed for, O'er this be nighted sphere!

The Bride-groom is arising And soon He draweth nigh:

The marriage feast is waiting, The gates wide open stand;

Up on the throne of glory The Lamb you shall behold,

With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see

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Up, pray and watch and wrestle, At midnight comes the cry.
Up, up, you heirs of glory, The Bridegroom is at hand.
In triumph cast before Him Your diadems of gold.
The day of earth's redemption That brings us unto Thee.

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