

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

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to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should fail to know his love and might.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace  
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying  
bound in the darksome prison house of sin,  
with none to tell them of the Savior's dying,  
or of the life he died for them to win. Refrain

'Tis thine to save from peril of perdition  
the souls for whom the Lord his life laid down;  
beware lest, slothful to fulfill thy mission,  
thou lose one jewel that should deck his crown. Refrain

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that all might live above. Refrain

Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;  
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious  
till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day. Refrain

He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him,  
make known to every heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,  
through thy neglect, unfit to see his face. Refrain

Words: Mary Ann Faulkner Thomson, 1870

Music: Tidings (Angelic Songs)

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