

O Day of Light and Gladness

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Music: Henry Smart, 1836.

O day of light and gladness,
Of prophecy and song,
What thoughts within us waken,
What hallowed memories throng!
The soul's horizon widens,
Past, present, future blend;
And rises on our vision
The life that hath no end.

Earth feels the season's joyance,
From mountain range to sea
The tides of life are flowing
Fresh, manifold and free.
In valley and on upland,
By forest pathways dim,
All nature lifts in chorus
The resurrection hymn.

O Lord of life eternal,
To Thee our hearts upraise
The Easter song of gladness,
The Passover of praise.
Thine are the many mansions,
The dead die not to Thee,
Who fillest from Thy fullness
Time and eternity.