

Hymn Lyrics

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As comes the breath of spring

As comes the breath of spring,
with light and mirth and song,
so does God's Spirit bring
new days brave, free, and strong.
He comes with thrill of life,
to chase hence winter's breath,
to hush to peace the strife
of sin that ends in death.

He comes like dawning day,
with flaming truth and love,
to chase all glooms away,
to brace our wills to prove
how wise, how good to choose
the truth and its brave fight;
to prize it, win or lose,
and live on God's delight.

He comes like songs at morn
that fill the earth with joy,
till men of him newborn
new strength in praise employ.
He comes to rouse the heart
from drifting to despair,
through high hope to impart
life, with an ampler air.

He breathes, and there is health;
he moves, and there is power;
he whispers, there is wealth
of love, his richest dower.
His presence is to men
like summer in the soul;
his joy shines forth, and then
life blossoms to its goal.

David Lakie Ritchie (1865-1951), 1929

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