

Hymn Lyrics

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sweet light of heavenly skies!
I all for thee forsake,
and from my dead self rise:
O Lamb of God, whose love is light,
shine on my soul, and all is bright.

Break, day of God, O break!
The night has lingered long;
our hearts with sighing wake,
we weep for sin and wrong:
O Bright and Morning Star, draw near;
O Sun of Righteousness, appear.

Break, day of God, O break!
the earth with strife is worn;
the hills with thunder shake,
hearts of the people mourn:
break, day of God, sweet day of peace,
and bid the shout of warriors cease!

Break, day of God, O break,
like to the days above!
let purity awake,
and faith, and hope, and love:
but lo, we see the brightening sky;
the golden morn is drawing nigh.

Henry Burton (1840-1930)