

Awake, Thou That Sleepest

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Arise and shine; O Christian, do not slumber;
Thou may'st not rest too long to hide the light;
Let every step be "Christ" along thy pathway,
For it will lead thee up to Heaven's height.

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Awake, thou that sleepest,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ shall give thee,
Shall give thee light.

"Arise!" says Christ, and lie not in the shadow;
Thou dost not gather profit from such rest;
Leave not thy first love for the sake of pleasure;
To live to God is to be truly blest.

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Rise up, then, Christian, and pursue thy journey,
And Christ shall be thy confidence and stay;
The light of His sweet smile shall rest upon thee,
His presence shall go with thee all the way.

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As rising sun, when in His brightness shining
Doth chase the darkness of the night away;
So may thy path, in this dark world of sorrow,
Shine more and more until the perfect day.

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