

His Cheering Message from the Grave
Ambrose of Milan, 4th Century.
William Boyce(1710-1779)

His cheering message from the grave
An angel to the women gave:
"Full soon your Master ye shall see;
He goes before to Galilee."

But while with flying steps they press
To bear the news, all eagerness,
Their Lord, the living Lord, they meet,
And prostrate fall to kiss His feet.

So when His mourning followers heard
The tidings of that faithful word,
Quick went they forth to Galilee,
Their loved and lost once more to see.

On that fair day of Paschal joy
The sunshine was without alloy,
When to their very eyes restored
They looked upon the risen Lord.

The wounds before their eyes displayed
They see in living light arrayed,
And that they see they testify
In open witness fearlessly.

O Christ, the King of gentleness,
Our several hearts do Thou possess,
They we may render all our days
Thy meed of thankfulness and praise.

Maker of all, to Thee we pray,
Fulfill in us Thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share Thy Paschal victory.

To Thee Who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, Thy people give;
All glory, as is ever meet,