

O Day of Light and Gladness

Frederick Hosmer, 1903.

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.