

## The Ten Virgins

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Once, forth to meet the bridegroom,  
At night ten virgins went;  
Five lamps were trimmed for burning,  
In five the oil was spent,  
And while they slept and slumbered,  
At midnight rose the shout  
Behold the bridegroom cometh,  
To meet him go ye out.

### Refrain

Watch ye, therefore, watch I say,  
Watch ye, therefore, watch and pray;  
Ye know not the hour, ye know not the day  
The Son of Man may come.

Then all the foolish virgins  
Their need began to tell;  
And all the wise ones answered,  
Go ye to them that sell.  
The foolish virgins hastened,  
In darkness, fear, and shame,  
The wise ones ready waited,  
And lo the bridegroom came!

### Refrain

Lord, Lord, unto us open,  
The foolish virgins cried;  
I know ye not, unto them  
The bridegroom's voice replied.  
O Christians, learn the lesson,  
Your lamps be wise and trim,  
And when the Bridegroom cometh,  
Go gladly in with Him.

### Refrain