

This is the day of light
[This Is the Day of Light]
Melody: John Ellerton, 1867

This is the day of light:
Let there be light to-day;
O Day-spring, rise upon our night,
And chase its gloom away.

2. This is the day of rest:
Our failing strength renew;
On weary brain and troubled breast
Shed thou thy freshening dew.

3. This is the day of peace:
Thy peace our spirits fill;
Bid thou the blasts of discord cease,
The waves of strife be still.

4. This is the day of prayer:
Let earth to heaven draw near;
Lift up our hearts to seek thee there,
Come down to meet us here.

5. This is the first of days:
Send forth thy quickening breath,
And wake dead souls to love and praise,
O Vanquisher of death!