

Night Has Closed the Gates

Words: James Baden Powell (1842-1931).

Music: Marots French Psalter, 1647.

Night has closed the gates,
Fades away the twilight,
While all nature waits,
Watching for the morn,
When the Christ was born,
Christ the Star of daylight.

Olden prophets spake
Many a word of warning;
From your slumbers wake!
Lo! the heavns are rivn,
For sure a Son is givn!
Given with the dawning.

Psalmists sang their song,
Song of loving kindness,
Of the promise long,
Sure, with mercy dight,
Sure in giving light;
Light unto mans blindness.

Christ, the Light has come,
Christ, true mercy bringing,
Earth is Heavens home,
Earth, where angels cry,
Praise to God on high,
Through the night is ringing.

Jesu, Marys Son!
Born for every nation,
By the grace Thoust won,
Shed from Heavens height,
Mercy, truth and light,
In the end, salvation.