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The end of things created!

The Judge of all men doth appear,
on clouds of glory seated.

The trumpet sounds, the graves restore,
the dead which they contained before!

Prepare, my soul, to meet him.

The dead in Christ shall first arise

at that last trumpet's sounding.

caught up to meet him in the skies,

with joy their Lord surrounding.

No gloomy fears their souls dismay,

his presence sheds eternal day

on those prepared to meet him.

The ungodly, filled with guilty fears,

behold his wrath prevailing.

In woe they rise, but all their tears

and sighs are unavailing.

The day of grace is past and gone;

trembling they stand before his throne,

all unprepared to meet him.

Great God, to thee my spirit clings,

thy boundless love declaring.

One wondrous sight my comfort brings,

the Judge my nature wearing.

Beneath his cross I view the day

when heaven and earth shall pass away,

and thus prepare to meet him.

Another version of the final verse reads:

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