

# Hymn Lyrics

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## Above the starry spheres

Above the starry spheres,  
to where He was before,  
Christ had gone up, the Father's gift  
upon the Church to pour.

At length had fully come,  
on mystic circle borne  
of seven times seven revolving days,  
the Pentecostal morn:

When, as the apostles knelt  
at the third hour in prayer,  
a sudden rushing sound proclaimed  
that God Himself was there.

Forthwith a tongue of fire  
is seen on every brow,  
each heart receives the Father's light,  
the Word's enkindling glow;

The Holy Ghost on all  
is mightily outpoured,  
who straight in diverse tongues declare  
the wonders of the Lord.

While strangers of all climes  
flock round from far and near,  
and their own tongue, wherever born,  
all with amazement hear.

But Judah, faithless still,  
denies the hand divine;  
and, mocking, jeers the saints of Christ  
as full of new-made wine.

Till Peter, in the midst,  
by Joel's ancient word  
rebukes their unbelief, and wins  
three thousand to the Lord.

The Father and the Son  
and Spirit we adore;  
O may the Spirit's gifts be poured  
on us for evermore.