

# Hark! a herald voice is calling

Vox clara ecce intonat, (6th century) trans.  
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1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:  
‘Christ is near!’ it seems to say;  
‘Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
children of the breaking day!’
2. Woken by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sleep dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.
3. See, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heav’n;  
turn to him, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiv’n.
4. So when next he comes with glory,  
we need have no cause to fear;  
may we see his love resplendent  
on the clouds of heav’n appear.
5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run.

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