

Come ye faithful, raise the strain

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1. Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ hath burst his pris-on,
3. Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
4. Nei-ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,

God hath brought his Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness;
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris-en;
with the roy-al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren-der;
nor the watch-ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor-tal:

loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
all the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing
comes to glad Je-ru-sa-lem, who with true af-fec-tion
but to-day a-midst thine own thou didst stand, be-stow-ing

led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.
wel-comes in un-wear-ied strains Je-sus' re-sur-rec-tion.
that thy peace which ev-er-more pass-eth hu-man know-ing.