

Lo, the Bridegroom Comes

1a. (Opt.) CHORUS: Yea, Let the Cry Go Forth

[DC 133:10]

Yea, let the cry go forth among all people:
Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom;
behold and lo, the Bridegroom cometh;
go ye out to meet him.
Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord.

1b. ARIA: Awake and Arise and Go Forth to Meet the Bridegroom

[DC 133:10, Rev. 8:1-2, 6; 14:6-7, DC 88:87, 92]

Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.
Behold and lo, the Bridegroom cometh,
go ye out to meet him.
Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord.

And when he had opened the seventh seal,
there was silence in heaven.

And I saw the seven angels which stood before God:
and to them were given seven trumpets.

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets
prepared themselves to sound.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven,
having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth,
and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Saying with a loud voice,
Fear God, and give glory to him.

Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.
Behold and lo, the Bridegroom cometh.

For not many days hence
and the earth shall tremble and reel to and fro
as a drunken man;
and the sun shall hide his face,
and shall refuse to give light;
and the moon shall be bathed in blood;
and the stars shall cast themselves down.

And angels shall fly through the midst of heaven,
crying with a loud voice, sounding the trump of God, saying:

Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.
Behold and lo, the Bridegroom cometh,
go ye out to meet him.
Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord.

2. RECIT: By Reason of Transgression Cometh the Fall

[Moses 6:59-60]

By reason of transgression cometh the fall,
which fall bringeth death,
and inasmuch as ye were born into the world
by water, and blood, and the spirit,
even so ye must be born again into the kingdom of heaven,
of water, and of the Spirit,
and be cleansed by blood, even the blood of mine Only Begotten;
that ye might be sanctified from all sin,
and enjoy eternal life in the world to come;

For by the water ye keep the commandment;
by the Spirit ye are justified,
and by the blood ye are sanctified.

3. LAMENT & RESPONSE: O God, Where art Thou?

[DC 121:1-4, 6-8; 122:7, 9]

O God, where art thou?
And where is the pavilion
that covereth thy hiding place?
How long shall thy hand be stayed,
and thine ear be penetrated with my cries?
before thine heart shall be softened,
and thy bowels be moved with compassion?

O Lord God Almighty,
maker of heaven, earth, and seas,
and of all things that in them are,
stretch forth thy hand;
let thine eye pierce;
let thy pavilion be taken up;
let thy hiding place no longer be covered;
let thine ear be inclined;
let thine heart be softened.

O God, where art thou?

Peace be unto thy soul.
Hold on thy way.
Thy days are known,
and thy years shall not be numbered less.
Fear not what man can do,
For God shall be with you forever and ever.

4. PARABLE: Then Shall the Kingdom of Heaven Be Likened unto Ten Virgins

[Matt. 25:1-13]

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins,
which took their lamps,
and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
And five of them were wise,
and five were foolish.

They that were foolish took their lamps,
and took no oil with them.
But the wise took oil in their vessels
with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried,
they all slumbered and slept.
And at midnight there was a cry made,
behold, the bridegroom cometh;
go ye out to meet him.
Then all those virgins arose,
and trimmed their lamps.

And the foolish said unto the wise,
Give us of your oil;
for our lamps are gone out.
But the wise answered, saying,
Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you:
but go ye rather to them that sell,
and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy,
the bridegroom came;
and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage:
and the door was shut.
Afterward came also the other virgins, saying,
Lord, Lord, open to us.
But he answered and said,
Verily I say unto you,
I know you not.

Watch therefore,
For ye know neither the day nor the hour
wherein the Son of man cometh.

5a. ARIA: As My Light, Be Thou Before Me
[Phyllis Woher]

As my light, be thou before me.
As my guard, be thou behind me.
As my shield, be thou around me.
As my heart, be thou inside me.

When I rise, I will beseech Thee.
When I retire, I will thank Thee.
When I despair, I will call to Thee.
When I am glad, I will sing to Thee.

Let ever thy love consume me.
Let ever thy grace attend me.
Let ever thy mercy heal me.
Let ever thy wisdom guide me.

5b. (Opt.) CHORALE: Lo, the Bridegroom Comes
[Phyllis Woche]

Awake and hear the angels cry,
Shake off the dust; the Lord is nigh.
Let all the pure in heart come forth.
Lo, the Bridegroom comes.

The bride arrayed in robes of white
Stands watch throughout the long drawn night.
It is her bridegroom she awaits.
Lo, the bridegroom comes.

Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, King,
Will soon return and heaven bring.
And then a new song the saints will sing.
Lo, the Bridegroom comes.

Until that great and terrible day,
The saints of God will watch and pray.
Mount Zion thunders forth the song,
Lo, the Bridegroom comes!