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The chimes peal far and wide,

It has come, the sacred hour,

The beautiful Christmas-tide.



With music flood the air;

The jubilant organ-swells

Uplift the soul like a prayer.



For eve, with its hallowed mirth,

Foretells the rapturous morn;

And over the fair, wide earth

There is joy that the Christ was born!



When the wanderers dream of rest,

And gather from far and wide,

Like birds to the olden nest.



Sweet voices, tender and low,

Drift back to the heart serene

With the peace which the angels know.



HEN the song that is never old
Resounds from afar and afar,
And a lustre and light untold
Flash out from Bethlehem's star.



One glory in minster and hall.
Unsilenced and unforgot,

They hold the world in their thrall



Blooms red in the eastern skies;

When the veil of night is withdrawn.

Awake, O souls, and arise!

Awake to the gladness and mirth

Which wait on the hallowed morn;

Rejoice and give thanks, O earth,

That of old the Christ was born!











