On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces
   that the Lord is nigh: awake and listen
   for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Let every heart be cleansed from sin, make straight the way for God within, and so prepare to waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we light restore earth's own true love-li-ness once more.

4 To heal the sick, stretch out your hand, and make the way for God within, and so prepare to waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

5 To you, O Christ, all praises be, whose advent that the Lord is nigh: awake and listen
   for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

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