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 harken,
   for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge.
   and our great reward. Without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up on us shine and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent we adore, and Holy Spirit, ever more.

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