Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
2 The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;

The evening is advancing and darker night is near.
Go forth as he approaches, with alleluias clear.
Arise, O Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere.

The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh;
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.
Arise, O heirs of glory: the Bridegroom is at hand!
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

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