Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843



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Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



- 1 Now the heav ens start to whis per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
- 2 Heav y clouds that block the moon-light now be gin to drift a way.
- 3 Christ, e ter nal Sun of jus tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,





Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with-in: Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark-ness shines the hope of com-ing day. come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.





seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim. In the lone-ly, in the strang-er, in the out-cast, hid from view;





Like the soil be-neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him. Heav-en's em-ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him. Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.



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Prepare the Royal Highway



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