



The Night Will Soon Be Ending

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1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -
 2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a
 3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring
 4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our
 5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now
 child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears
 morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows
 hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -
 night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness
 all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not
 in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -
 round us may in - crease. But now one Star is
 turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant
 cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -
 ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a
 beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for
 sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.
 new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.
 our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.
 still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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Night is often associated with evil and sinful happenings. It can also mean the present evil age, or a time of sleeplessness and frustration. Night can be marked by sin, suffering, futility, and death.

The first portion of verse 1 is the picture of an approaching dawn. This present age of darkness is passing away; light is dawning.

Romans 13:12 states: “The night is far gone; the day is at hand.” This is a clear example of the New Testament teaching that the end time is near. Early Christians regarded the death and resurrection of Christ as crucial events that began the last days. Since the next great event in God’s redemptive plan is the second coming of Jesus Christ, “the night,” no matter how long chronologically it may last, is nearly over.

The hymn suggests that we can already start to rejoice because we know that Jesus will come again. This is so because Jesus, the Light of the World, has taken all of our sins with him to the cross. In Revelation 22:16, Jesus calls himself “the morning star.” This image represents the brilliant glory of Christ.

Jesus has removed all our guilt and shame because he has reconciled us through his redemptive power. He remains with us during the dark times in our lives, in our illnesses, and even our deaths.

By grace Jesus has saved us, and by grace he will never forsake us. We are his dear children. Along with the apostle John in Revelation 22:20, we say, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for lifting me out of the gloom of darkness into the wonderful light of your gospel. Help me to take time in the busy-ness of this season to spend time with you in your Word of life and salvation. Amen.