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1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Text

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

It is a good thing when the days lengthen and the daylight comes earlier than in the winter. After a good night of sleep it is invigorating to find the morning light. If we have a fitful night, it is great to see the sun and get away from the woes of night.

The King (Jesus) coming in the morning is something to really get excited about. People who get up early to see the sunrise will find a beautiful, heart-brightening scene—an example of the great glory that is to come.

Our hymn points to the little child (Jesus), whose ministry here on earth will be to ultimately die and rise victorious (verse 2). The verses that follow direct our attention to life beyond death and an eternity with Christ. The glory that we find on Easter morn is exciting, especially for those who worship at sunrise.

The day of Christ’s coming again will be more glorious than anything we can even imagine. It will be a thousand times more radiant than any sunrise we have ever seen.

Revelation 22:20 pictures Jesus on a throne in his ultimate glory as God. Jesus says, “Surely I am coming soon.” This is a promise to his church, God’s saints on earth. This helps us to look beyond all the hurriedness of this season and focus on the great glorious beyond.

The final phrase of verse 5 says, “Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.” This reflects the words of Revelation 22:20, “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” the apostle John’s response to what had been revealed to him in the book of Revelation. This is also to be the prayer of every Christian individually, and of all Christians collectively, for it is the prayer of Christ’s bride, the church.

Prayer: Lord, help us to see a bit of our glorious time with you in each morning’s light. Help this warm our hearts and give peace to our minds. Amen.