

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

1. Come ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,

God hath brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ri - sen;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the wat - chers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal;
 who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst the twelve thou didst stand, bes - to - wing
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing,

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which e - ver - more pas - seth hu - man kno - wing.
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain to the Spi - rit rais - ing.

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