

## Behold the Bridegroom Cometh

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1. Be - hold the Bride-groom com - eth in the mid - dle of the night,
2. Do thou, my soul, be - ware, be - ware, lest thou in sleep sink down,
3. That day, the day of fear, shall come; my soul, slack not thy toil,
4. Be - ware, my soul; be - ware, be - ware, lest thou in slum - ber lie,

Melody



And blest is he whose loins are girt, whose lamp is burn - ing bright;  
 Lest thou be giv - en o'er to death, and lose the gold - en crown;  
 But light thy lamp, and feed it well, and make it bright with oil;  
 And, like the Five, re - main with - out, and knock, and vain - ly cry;



But woe to that dull ser - vant whom the Mas - ter shall sur - prise  
 But see that thou be so - ber, with a watch - ful eye, and thus  
 Who know - est not how soon may sound the cry at e - ven - tide,  
 But watch, and bear thy lamp un - dimmed, and Christ shall gird thee on



With lamp un - trimmed, un - burn - ing, and with slum - ber in his eyes.  
 Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, have mer - cy up - on us."  
 "Be - hold, the Bride-groom comes! A - rise! Go forth to meet the bride."  
 His own bright wed - ding - robe of light - the glo - ry of the Son.

