These be - fore God's Who are these, like stars ap - pear - ing, Who are God's own these of dazz ling brightness, These in who their Sa-vior's 3. These are thev have con-tend-ed For **4.** These are they whose hearts were riv - en, with woe and Sore **5.** These, like priests, have watched and wait - ed, Off - ring up to Each gold - en throne who stand? a crown is wear-ing; truth ar - rayed, Clad in robes of est white-ness. pur ho - nor long, Wrest-ling till life was end - ed, on an - guish tried, Who in prayer full oft have striv - en Christ their will: Soul and bo - dv con se - cra - ted, Who all this glo - rious band? Al - le - lu ia! are Robes whose lus - ter ne'er shall fade. Ne'er be touched by Foll' wing not the sin - ful throng: These who well the With the God they glo - ri - fied; Now, their pain ful Day and night to serve Him still: Now in God's most loud King. Hark, they sing, Prais - ing their heav'n - ly time's rude hand-Whence come all this glo - rious band? fight sus-tained, Tri - umph through the Lamb have gained. flict o'er, God has bid them weep no con more. lv place Blestthey be - fore His ho stand face. Wer sind die vor Gottes Throne T.H. Schenk, 1719; tr. F.E. Cox, 1841, 1864

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