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1 Come ye faithful, raise the strain
   Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke
Jacob’s sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoisten’d foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

2 ’Tis the Spring of souls to-day;
   Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days’ sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark is flying
From His light, to Whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the Queen of seasons bright
   With the Day of splendour,
With the royal Feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu’s resurrection. Amen.

John Mason Neale, 1818 - 66, from the Greek.