St. Millicent (7.7.4.)

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1 Let no tears to-day be shed,  
   Holy is the narrow bed.  
   Alleluia!

2 Death eternal life bestows,  
   Open heaven’s portal throws.  
   Alleluia!

3 And no peril waits at last  
   Him who now away hath past.  
   Alleluia!

4 Not salvation hardly won,  
   Not the meed of race well run.  
   Alleluia!

5 But the pity of the Lord  
   Gives His child a full reward.  
   Alleluia!

6 Grants the prize without the course;  
   Crowns, without the battle’s force.  
   Alleluia!

7 God, who loveth innocence,  
   Hates to take His darling hence.  
   Alleluia!

8 Christ, when this sad life is done,  
   Join us to Thy little one.  
   Alleluia!

9 And in Thine own tender love,  
   Bring us to the ranks above.  
   Alleluia! Amen.

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