

P.M.

SLEEPERS, WAKE.

Melody by PHILIP NICOLAI, 1599;

Harmonized by JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, 1685-1750.

To be sung in unison.

1 { Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing: The watch-men on the
Mid-night's solemn hour is toll - ing, His char - iot wheels are

heights are cry - ing, A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise! } Rise
near - er roll - ing, He comes; pre- pare, ye vir - gins wise. }

up, with will - ing feet Go forth, the Bridegroom meet: Al - le - lu - ia! Bear

Advent.

through the night your well-trimmed light, Speed forth to join the mar-riage rite. Amen.

2 Sion hears the watchmen singing,
Her heart with deep delight is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom:
Forth her Bridegroom comes, all glorious,
In grace arrayed, by truth victorious;
Her Star is risen, her Light is come!
All hail, Incarnate Lord,
Our crown, and our reward!
Alleluia!
We haste along, in pomp of song,
And gladsome join the marriage throng.

3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore Thee,
And men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
By the pearly gates in wonder
We stand, and swell the voice of thunder,
That echoes round Thy dazzling throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such bliss and joy:
We raise the song, we swell the throng,
To praise Thee ages all along. Amen.

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