

222.A Summons to Joyful Worship



1. Now to God, our Strength and Sa-viour, Re-nder praise and loudly sing;
2. Let the trum-pet, far re-soun-ding, This our fes-tal day pro-claim,
3. I, Thy God, re-moved thy bur-dens, When thou cal-ledst, set Thee free,
4. O My peo-ple, hear My plead-ings; O that thou wouldst hear-ken now;
5. I am God the Lord Who saved thee, And from cru-el bon-dage freed;

In our fa-thers' God re-joic-ing, All your nobl-est mu-sic bring.
By our fa-thers' God ap-poin-ted, When from bon-dage I-srael came.
Proved thee in the thir-sty de-sert, In the thun-der ans-wered thee.
No strange wor-ship shalt thou of-fer, Nor to i-dols shalt thou bow.
O-pen wide thy mouth of long-ing; I will sa-tis-fy thy need.

6. But My people would not hearken,
Yea, they would not yield to Me;
So I left them in their blindness,
Their own counselors to be.

7. If my people would obey Me,
Gladly walking in My ways,
Soon would I, their foes subduing,
Fill their lips with songs of praise.

8. All the haters of Jehovah
Shall His clemency implore,
And the days of those that love Him
Shall endure forevermore.

9. Yea, with wheat the very finest
I their hunger will supply,
Bid the very rocks yield honey
That shall fully satisfy.