

Hymn lyrics 4.4.21

#61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

Verse 1)

Lo, the earth awakes again. Alleluia!
From the winter's bond and pain. Alleluia!
Bring we leaf and flower and spray. Alleluia!
to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!

Verse 2)

Once again the word comes true. Alleluia!
All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!
Now the dark, cold days are o'er. Alleluia!
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

Verse 3)

Change, then, mourning into praise. Alleluia!
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!
How our spirits soar and sing. Alleluia!
How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

#108 How Can I Keep from Singing

Verse 1)

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

Verse 2)

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

Verse 3)

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!