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THE CHURCH BEFORE REVIVAL.

"Bride where is thine adorning?
 Why sitt'st thou silent mourning
 In thickest shades of night?"
 "I mourn, thus heavy hearted,
 A Bridegroom's face departed,
 My beauty and my light,
 Cease not thy Spirit's striving;
 O come for our reviving;
 In all the people's sight,
 Stir up thy heavenly might:

"The Church above rejoices;
 Ten thousand thousand voices
 Unceasing anthems raise.
 They sing the Lamb that bought them,
 The Shepherd's love that sought them
 In earth's sin-trodden ways;
 They, thirsting not nor waiting,
 But all their longings stung,
 With full orb'd vision gaze
 Upon the Lord they praise

We too, O Christ, adore Thee;
 With singing come before Thee;
 Thy holy name confess,
 That burst the bonds which bound us,
 And closely wrapped around us
 Thy robe of righteousness.