

A HYMN FOR ALL SAINTS, REVISED FROM HYMNAL 1982 # 286

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Music: St Helena, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Who are these like stars appearing,
 who before God's throne now stand?

Each a golden crown is wearing!
 Who are all this glorious band?

Who are these of dazzling brightness,
 these in holy truth arrayed,
clad in robes of radiant whiteness,
 robes whose radiance never fades?

They are those whose hearts were riven,
 sore with grief and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
 with the God they glorified.

They are those who watched and waited,
 offring up to Christ their will.

Soul and body consecrated,
 day and night they serve him still.

"Alleluia!" Hear them singing
 as they stand before God's face!

They are done with pain and weeping
 in this glad and timeless place.

All earth's languages and peoples
 here are shepherded as one.

Here they drink of living water
 and find shelter in the Throne.

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