O CLAP YOUR HANDS

O clap your hands together, all ye people.
O sing unto God with the voice of melody,
for the Lord is high and to be feared.
He is the great King of all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us,
e’en the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise,
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises unto our God.
O sing praises unto the Lord our King.

For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with the understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon his holy seat.
For God, which is highly exalted,
doeth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
(text taken from Psalm 47 and Gloria)

O HEILAND, REIß DIE HIMMEL AUF

O Heiland, reiß die Himmel auf,
Herab, herauf vom Himmel lauf,
Reiß ab vom Himmel Tor und Tür,
Reiß ab, was Schloß und Riegel für.

O Gott, ein’ Tau vom Himmel gieß,
Im Tau herab o Heiland fließ,
Ihr Volken, brecht und regent aus
Den König über Jakobs Haus.

O Erd, schlag aus, schlag aus o Erd,
Daß Berg und Tal grün alles werd,
O Erd, herfür dies Blümlein bring,
O Heiland, aus der Erden spring.

Hier leiden wir die größte Not,
Vor Augen steht der bitte Tod,
Ach komm, führ uns mit starker Hand
Von Elend zu dem Vaterland.

Da wollen wir all danken dir,
Unserm Erlöser für und für,
Da wollen wir all loben dich,
Je allzeit immer und ewiglich. Amen.

O Savior, tear open the heavens,
flow down to us from heaven above;
tear off heaven’s gate and door,
tear off every lock and bar.

O God, a dew from heaven pour;
in the dew, O Savior, downward flow.
Break, you clouds, and rain down
the kind of Jacob’s house.

O earth, burst forth; burst forth, O earth,
so that mountain and valley all become green;
O earth, bring forth this little flower,
O Savior, spring forth out of the earth.

Here we suffer the greatest distress;
before our eyes stands bitter death.
Ah, come lead us with your powerful hand
from this misery to our Father’s land.

Therefore we all want to thank you,
our redeemer, forever and ever.
Therefore we also want to praise you
at all times, always and forever. Amen.

MAKE US ONE

Make us one through the power of thy love, O Lord,
And we pray that all mankind may someday be restored.
O help us to live in thy love, O Lord,
And we pray that all mankind may someday be restored.
Help us share with each other all thy blessings on earth,
Help us walk with each other, help us walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll praise thy name through all the earth.
Make us one in thy Spirit.

(text based on “We Are One in the Spirit” by Rev. Peter Scholtes)
THERE IS NO ROSE
There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
Amen.
For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space.
Res miranda. (Wonderful thing.)
The angels sangen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis, gaudeamus. (Glory in the highest, let us rejoice.)
Now leave we all this worldly mirth,
and follow we this joyous birth;
tranceam. (Let us follow.)
(Anonymous 15th century)

WE MEET AGAIN TONIGHT
We meet again tonight, boys, with mirth and song;
let melody flow wherever we go.
We dwell in friendship ever so true and strong,
and sorrow never know.

Refrain: We'll laugh and sing and merry be tonight,
With never a sorrow near, boys, never a falling tear.
We'll laugh and sing and merry be tonight,
With never a sorrow near, boys, and merry be.
Welcome the time, my boys, we meet again!
(Anonymous)

AVE MARIA
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum:
benedicta tu in mulieribus
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus Christus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee:
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

THERE IS NO ROSE
Make a joyful sound unto the Lord, all ye lands,
and serve the Lord with gladness!
Come before His presence with singing!
It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves.
For we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Come into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.
(text adapted from Psalm 100)

I SHALL NOT LIVE IN VAIN
If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain:
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.
(Emily Dickinson, 1830-1886)
**LUX AETERNA**

Let eternal light shine on them, Lord, as with Your saints in eternity, because you are merciful. Grant them eternal rest, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**FROHLOCKET, IHR VÖLKER AUF ERDEN**

Rejoice, ye people on Earth and praise God! The Savior has appeared, as the Lord promised. He has revealed his righteousness in the world. Hallelujah!

(Martin Luther, 1483-1546)

**DIES SANCTIFICATUS**

A holy day rises for us: come, ye people, and worship the Lord, for today descended a great light to earth. This is the day that the Lord hath made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou alone art holy, Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
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