O gladsome Light, O grace Hymnal 1982 no. 36 Melody: Le Cantique de Siméon 6 6 7. 6 6 7.

British spelling



O gladsome Light, O grace

of God the Father’s face,

th’ eternal splendour wearing;

celestial, holy, blest,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

joyful in thine appearing.

Now, ere day fadeth quite,

we see the evening light,

our wonted hymn outpouring;

Father of might unknown,

thee, his incarnate Son,

and Holy Spir’t adoring.

To thee of right belongs

all praise of holy songs,

O Son of God, Life-giver;

thee, therefore, O Most High,

the world doth glorify,

and shall exalt forever.

Words: 3rd-century Greek, translated by Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

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