

Carol For Advent

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Joyously! May be sung in 6/8.

1. Re-joice, Re-joice, be-liev-ers! And
let your lights a-pear; The eve-ning is ad-
vanc-ing, And dark-er night is near. The
Bride-groom is a-ris-ing, And soon he will draw

nigh; Up, watch in ex-pec-ta-tion! At

mid- night comes the cry.

2.
 See that your lamps are burning;
 Replenish them with oil;
 Look now for your salvation,
 The end of sin and toil.
 The watchers on the mountain
 Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
 Go meet him as he cometh,
 With alleluias clear.

3.
 O wise and holy virgins,
 Now raise your voices high,
 Until in songs of triumph
 Ye meet the angel choir.
 The marriage-feast is waiting,
 The gates wide open stand;
 Rise up, ye heirs of glory!
 The Bridegroom is at hand.

4.
 Our hope and expectation,
 O Jesus, now appear;
 Arise, thou Sun so longed for
 O'er this benighted sphere!
 With hearts and hands uplifted,
 We plead, O Lord, to see
 The day of earth's redemption,
 And ever be with thee!

PERFORMANCE SUGGESTION:
 Verses 1, 2 and 4 in 6/8.
 Verse 3 in 4/4.
 Verse 4 (6/8) in unison until last line.