O'er the plains
Frances Ridley Havergal (1836 – 1879)

VERSE 1. Repeating for 2nd half
Andante maestoso

1. O'er the plains the darkness deepens, Shades of night, above, below,
   Faith and Hope, at tent are watching For the tokens of the morn:

   Andante maestoso

   O'er the plains

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   Faith and Hope, at tent are watching For the tokens of the morn:

   Andante maestoso

   All around a gloomy silence
   Speak a

   Allegro spiritoso.

   Verses 2-6.

   Like a slumberer wak'd by sunlight,
   WORLD OF SIN AND WOE:
   LIEVING, YET FORLORN!

   Allegro spiritoso

   Verses 2-6.

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   World of sin and woe:
   Liveliving, yet forlorn!

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   Like a slumberer wak'd by sunlight,
   See the sleeping world arise!
   O the sudden blaze of glory Bursting

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3. Hark! What music fills the Heavens,
   Chanted by celestial choirs!
   From the deep unseen resounding,
   Echoing to seraphic lyres!
   Rapt in solemn awe, adoring
   Three in One and One in Three,—
   All Creation wonders, listening
   To the Angels’ minstrelsy.

4. Hail! Ye mortals! captive, blinded,
   Straying, wandering, dying, dead,—
   Yours are freedom, truth, and guidance,
   God’s own Light is on you shed!
   Peace and Mercy, Life and Glory,
   All are yours, in God who dwell;—
   God is Love! He comes to give you
   His own self, Emmanuel!

5. Hail! immortal heirs of Glory!
   Citizens of Heaven above!
   God in Man is in yon manger, —
   Cradled there, Eternal Love!
   Babe of Bethlehem! We know Thee,
   Dying, Risen, Ascended Lord!
   Mighty God! Triumphant Victor!
   By angelic Hosts adored!

6. Glory to the Eternal Father!
   To the Incarnate Son, we sing!
   Glory to the Spirit dwelling
   In the hearts where Christ is King—
   Glory to Jehovah Jesus!
   Glory to the Three in One!
   Hallelujah! God is Human,
   Man Divine, in God’s own Son!

(Source: Carols old and carols new, Boston, 1916)