

Soldiers, awake! This is the festal hour

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With spirit

1. Sol - diers, a - wake! This is the fes - tal hour, Forth from the

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grave the Sav-iour Christ hath risen: Garland the Cross with flow - ers and fra-grant

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wreaths; The Sav - ior lives, and death no more hath power.

2. Soldiers arouse! Banish all Lenten gloom,
Let sacred joy this Easter morn attend;
Jesus hath burst the mighty bands of death,
And holy angels guard the riven tomb.

3. Soldiers, to prayer! Kneel first this blessed day
To Him, The Lord of hosts, the King of kings;
See on your banner His redeeming Cross,
And there your motto, "Ever watch and pray."

4. Soldiers, to arms! Forth to life's battle-field,
The Spirit's sword your only trust shall be;
While on your brow Salvation's helmet rests,
And Christian faith protects you as a shield.

5. Soldiers, salute, with Heaven's triumphant host,
Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Conqueror!
Yield Him the homage, due Almighty God:
Worship the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.