

# The world itself keeps Easter-day

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1. The world it-self keeps Eas - ter day, And Eas-ter larks are sing-ing; And Eas-ter flow'rs are

7 bloom - ing gay, And Eas-ter buds are spring-ing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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2.

There stood three Maries by the tomb  
On Easter morning early,  
When day had scarcely chased the gloom,  
And dew was white and pearly;  
Alleluia, Alleluia.  
With loving but with erring mind,  
They came the Prince of Life to find:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord!

3.

But earlier still the angel sped  
His news of comfort giving;  
And “why,” he said, “among the dead  
“Thus seek ye for the living?”  
Alleluia, Alleluia:  
“Go tell them all and make them blest,  
“Tell Peter first, and then the rest.”  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord!

4.

But one, and one alone, remained  
With love that could not vary;  
And thus a joy past joy she gained,  
That sometime sinner Mary:  
Alleluia, Alleluia;  
The first the dear, dear form to see,  
Of Him who hung upon the tree:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord!

5.

The Church is keeping Easter Day,  
And Easter hymns are sounding,  
And Easter flowers are blooming gay,  
The holy Font surrounding;  
Alleluia, Alleluia;  
The Lord hath risen, as all things tell,  
Good Christians, see ye rise as well:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord!