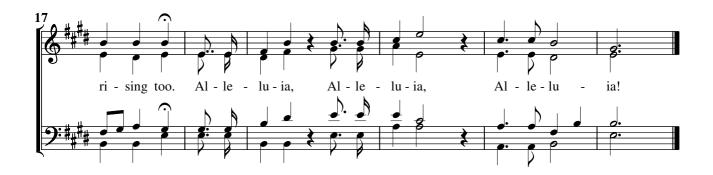
The world itself keeps Easter Day

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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!

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!

4.

But one, and one alone, remainded 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!

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!