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What are these that glow from afar (1928)

Lyrics: Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: Alan Gray (1855-1935)

Artists: Choir of York Minster, Geoffrey Coffin (organ), Francis Jackson (dir.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8LW8c_POOY&list=RDn8LW8c_POOY&start_radio=1

[1. The blessed ones gone before]

What are these that glow from afar,
These that lean over the golden bar,
Strong as the lion, pure as the dove,
With open arms, and hearts of love?
They the blessed ones gone before,
They the blessed for evermore;
Out of great tribulation they went
Home to their home of Heaven content.

[2. The welcoming angels]

What are these that fly as a cloud,
With flashing heads and faces bowed;
In their mouths a victorious psalm,
In their hands a robe and palm?
Welcoming angels these that shine,
Your own angel, and yours, and mine;
Who have hedged us, both day and night
On the left hand and the right.

[3. Christ, the Lamb]

Light above light, and bliss beyond bliss,
Whom words cannot utter, [inserts silence] lo, who is this?
As a king with many crowns He stands,
And our names are grav'n upon His hands;

As a priest, with God-uplifted eyes,
He offers for us His sacrifice;
As the Lamb of God, for sinners slain,
That we too may live, He lives again.

[4. The Trinity]

God the Father give us grace
To walk in the light of Jesu's face;
God the Son give us a part
In the hiding-place of Jesu's heart;
God the Spirit so hold us up
That we may drink of Jesu's cup;
God Almighty, God Three in One,
God Almighty, God alone.

[Closing words to our theme song:]

O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,
O! that every sinner would know this,
Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.
His heart must soon surely love You.

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