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Resurrection

He is risen! Were you waiting, In the garden's silent shade; For the proof He promised to you, When He said, "Be not afraid?"

He is risen! Have you seen Him,
In the early light of morn;
As the seals of sin were broken,
And grim Death of strength was shorn?

He is risen! Would you know Him,
If you met your risen Lord?
Would His loving, gentle accents
In your heart find sweet accord?

He is risen! Has He spoken
To you, trembling at His feet?
Did your loving cry of "Master"
Answer to His "Mary" sweet?

Then, if He to you is risen,
On this holy Easter Day;
Over sin, and death, and sorrow
You will triumph, in His way.

And, through every night of anguish, Under tempest-darkened skies, Learn, with every weeping Mary, Christ is risen, man shall rise.

-J. C. R. in "The Lutheran."