

# Alleluia, songs of gladness

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Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever raised by choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia thou resoundest,  
true Jerusalem and free;  
alleluia, joyful mother,  
all thy children sing with thee;  
but by Babylon's sad waters  
mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia cannot always  
be our song while here below;  
alleluia our transgressions  
make us for awhile forgo;  
for the solemn time is coming  
when our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,  
grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep thine Easter,  
in our home beyond the sky,  
there to thee for ever singing  
alleluia joyfully.

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