

# Now Let Us Rejoice

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This beloved hymn was first printed by W.W. Phelps in *The Evening and the Morning Star* v. 1 #10, March 1833. It was reprinted in *The Messenger and Advocate* v. 2 #18, March 1836, and is also mentioned in the *History of the Church* v. II p. 416.

This hymn was sung to the same tune as “The Spirit of God” at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple in 1836. That tune was named HOSANNAH, and has been mentioned previously.

By 1844, “Now Let Us Rejoice” and “The Spirit of God” were apparently sung by the Saints to different tunes. “The Spirit of God” used the same tune that we sing today - ASSEMBLY. “Now Let Us Rejoice” was sung to an unknown tune, which I found in an obscure LDS hymnal that was published by J.C. Little and G.B. Gardner in Vermont in 1844.

Unfortunately, the tune was badly typeset. The words are in triple meter, while the tune was set in an awkward 4/4 time. The tune was uncommon enough that the typesetting was probably done by ear, leading to the confusion in meter. To this date, no one has been able to identify this tune from any other musical source. However, when I arranged this hymn in triple meter and added a treble line, the words and music suddenly came to life for me.

- Kurt Kammeyer

<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S A C R E D</p> <p>In harvest, when he saves his own, The tares shall into hell be thrown. For soon the reaping time, &amp;c.</p> <p>7 Oh! awful thought, and is it so? Must all mankind the harvest know? Is every man a wheat or tare? Me, for that harvest, Lord, prepare. For soon the reaping time will come. And angels shout the harvest home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p>No. 5. Now let us rejoice. 12 11 12 11.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">H Y M N S .</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1:</p>
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Now let us re - joice in the - day of - sal - va - tion, No lon - ger as - stran - gers on earth need we

roam, Good - ti - dings are soun - ding to - us - and each na - tion, And short - ly the hour of re - demp - tion - will come.

When all that was - pro - mised the - Saints will - be - gi - ven, And none will mo - lest them from morn un - til

ev'n, And - earth - will ap - pear as the Gar - den of E - den, and Je - sus will say to all Is - rael "Come home."

1 Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation,  
No longer as strangers on earth need we roam;  
Good tidings are sounding to us and each nation,  
And shortly the hour of redemption will come:

2 When all that was promis'd the saints will be given,  
And none will molest them from morn until even,  
And earth will appear as the garden of Eden,  
And Jesus will say to all Israel: Come home!

3 We'll love one another and never dissemble,  
But cease to do evil and ever be one;  
And while the ungodly are fearing and tremble,  
We'll watch for the day when the Savior shall come:

4 When all that was promis'd the saints will be given,  
And none will molest them from morn until even,  
And earth will appear as the garden of Eden,  
And Jesus will say to all Israel: Come home!

5 In faith we'll rely on the arm of Jehovah,  
To guide through these last days of trouble and gloom;  
And after the scourges and harvest are over,  
We'll rise with the just, when the Savior doth come:

6 Then all that was promis'd the saints will be given,  
And they will be crown'd as the angel of heaven:,  
And earth will appear as the garden of Eden,  
And Christ and his people will ever be one.