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The Great Vigil of Easter, Year C

“Exuberant”
Of an Easter Eve

The shadows pass, the darkness lifts
The Son returns to **light**
The Day of Joy, the Feast of **Life**
Eternal, in His sight.

Repentance made, confession said,
Wills turned to God on high:
We come with hope, *bare* Tomb to see,
The Son of God to spy ~

~ Raised from the grave, exempt from fate
Of un-salvated man:
To see the world and set its course
Full-on to God’s mapped plan.

He conquered Death, He slew the Slay’r,
He birthed eternity
For creature poor and common cur
Our God to know and see ~

~ In Paradise, long Eden sought,
To dance with Christ alway;
To sup on grace and drink of life,
With saints to ever stay.

He’s dammed the grave; He’s barred the gates
Of time to close our days;
And lifted us, upon *His* Rise,
To holy, timeless place:

We there to dwell, in goodness great,
With all we’ve ever known:
Where all is still and none do vie
Nor lack nor ail nor groan.

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Our hearts break free, this Easter Eve
Of sorrow, care and woe,
To sing the Christ—forever live—
On us **for** to bestow ~

~ The radiancy of angel's face,
The cry "10, 10, 10,"*
To burst the **bounds** of earth and flesh,
Our Savior e'er to know.

We rise, we run, we shout and sing
The Easter ALLELU.
We clap, we spin, we feast, we pray:
He's ris'n, and *we* are, *too*.

So let us, now, this holiest eve
Shout boldly to the night:
"The Lord's alive: He rules, He reigns";
The Light is clear and bright.

Breaks in the Day of Victory
O'er sin and grief and woe:
We jump, we joy, we drink the cup:
Eternal life, ***made so***.

We revel with the risen Lord
We dance with Christ our friend:
For *all* good things, *all right*, *all love*,
Are all mankind's, **NO END**.

AMEN.

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* A Latin interjection of excitement or joy.