# Joyful, Joyful we Adore You # 544

544 Joyful, joyful, we adore you,

 God of glory, Lord of love;

 hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,

 op'ning to the sun above.

 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

 drive the dark of doubt away;

 giver of immortal gladness,

 fill us with the light of day!

2 All your works with joy surround you,

 earth and heav'n reflect your rays,

 stars and angels sing around you,

 center of unbroken praise;

 field and forest, vale and mountain,

 flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

 chanting bird and flowing fountain,

 praising you eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,

 ever blessing, ever blessed,

 wellspring of the joy of living,

 ocean depth of happy rest!

 Loving Father, Christ our brother,

 let your light upon us shine;

 teach us how to love each other,

 lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus,

 which the morning stars began;

 God's own love is reigning o'er us,

 joining people hand in hand.

 Ever singing, march we onward,

 victors in the midst of strife;

 joyful music leads us sunward

 in the triumph song of life.

TEXT: Henry Van Dyke (1907), alt.

TUNE: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824). Arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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