# 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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