We That Know the Lord Is Gracious

Lyrics by Cyril Alington (1872-1955) Tune: Ode to Joy

1 Ye that know the Lord is gracious, ye for whom a corner stone stands, of God elect and precious, laid that ye may build thereon, see that on that sure foundation ye a living temple raise, towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.

2 Living stones, by God appointed each to an allotted place, kings and priests, by God anointed, shall ye not declare his grace? Ye, a royal generation, tell the tidings of your birth, tidings of a new creation to an old and weary earth.

3 Tell the praise of him who called you out of darkness into light, broke the fetters that enthralled you, gave you freedom, peace and sight: tell the tale of sins forgiven, strength renewed and hope restored, till the earth, in tune with heaven, praise and magnify the Lord!