Alleluia, Song Of Sweetness

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Music: Henry Smart (1867)

1. Alleluia, song of sweetness, Voice of joy that cannot die,
   Alleluia is the anthem Ever dear to choirs on high;
   In the house of God abiding, Thus they sing externally.

2. Alleluia, thou resoundest True Jerusalem and free;
   Alleluia, joyful Mother, All thy children sing with thee;
   But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.

3. Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
   Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forego;
   For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.

4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee Grant us, blessed Trinity,
   At the last to keep Thine Easter In our home beyond the sky;
   There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

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