

HYMN 19

The People Who in Darkness Walked

Isaiah 9:2-7

Formerly Hymn 15

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1. The peo-ple who in dark-ness walked
have seen a glo-rious light;
now day has dawned for those who dwelt
in death's sur-round-ing night.
To hail You, Sun of Right-eous-ness,
they with re-joic-ing come
as when with joy they share the spoil
or bear the har-vest home.

2. For You the burden have removed
that on their shoulders lay,
have broken the oppressor's rod
as once on Midian's day.
For boots by tramping soldiers worn
and garments rolled in gore
the raging flames will all consume
to mark the end of war.

3. For unto us a Child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on His shoulders He shall bear
all power in earth and heaven.
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the Mighty God is He;
eternal Father, Prince of Peace
His holy name shall be.

4. His government and royal power
shall without end increase,
and He on David's throne shall reign
in everlasting peace.
On justice and on righteousness
His kingdom He shall build.
The LORD of hosts will show His zeal:
His word shall be fulfilled!