The Light shines in the darkness

Tempered night, no sweet moon shines Where clouds obscure the sky The blackness is like pitch to me The hills in darkness lie.

Then far away a light shines forth And slowly it draws near The objects just within my sight Begin to then appear.

Closer, closer comes the light Illuminating me The more it shows of what lies close The more that I can see.

So God incarnate shines in us If we invite Him in Revealing darkness in our souls Our shameful, grievous sin.

We see rebellion, selfish pride And then what shall we do? Shut the door and close the shade Ignoring what is true?

Or welcome in the Spirit's truth And bring it to the cross Confessing all idolatry Relinquishing the dross.

Satan wants us filled with sin As caverns black as night But I desire that Jesus come And fill my heart with light.

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