

Hymns'14.12.12 **BEHOLD, THE LIGHT HAS DAWNED**

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2 CEB "Everything that was created received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone." John 1:3-4 CEV*

Behold, the light has dawned and God has called it good!

The universe explodes with pow'r, ere nothing ever stood.

From interstellar space, to earth's young seas and lands,  
creation's light sets life ablaze, through God's own loving hands.

When dawn is gray for us, its clouds infused with gloom,  
we feel discouraged, weak and lost, while fearing likely doom.

Imprisoned by our moods, we have no urge to praise,  
so, Star of Morning shine on us, and spark a warming blaze.

When days are bright for us, past shadows fade and flee,  
we feel renewed and strong of heart with vibrant energy.  
It is because our Lord, who once hurled light through space,  
creates anew, within our hearts a bright, delightful place.

Light of the Nations rise, illumine evil ways,  
so people You have saved will stand for justice forged by praise.

Hold out a future bright, that all who dwell in night,  
will see a dawn like none before, and hail that glorious sight!

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*Suggested Tune: George J. Elvey, 1868 Diademata (cf. "Crown Him With Many Crowns" #327UMH)*

*Poem*

*Who takes one step toward God in doubtings dim,*

*God advances one mile in blazing light to him.*

*Gen. 1 "and God really liked the light"*

*St. Olaf: O day of grace that sweetly dawns*

*Hymn: Unresting, unchanging and silent as light.*

*Death bed statement: "More light! More light!"*

*GE: "We bring good things to light".*

*Escapees want to avoid it.*

*Dentists and Doctors and Mechanics need more of it*

*Jesus: the evil work in darkness ... the good in the light I am the light of the world*

*Matthew 6: if your eye is good your body is full of light....*

*Diane: sunlight, vision, seeing those you love*

*As First-light unfolds, it fills you with anticipation with what the day will bring forth*

*At second and third light...you see even more with full light, you have the best idea...like full knowledge  
you can move ahead*