

**NEH 109** (Easter verses)

1. Hail thee, Festival Day! blest day that art hallowed for ever;  
Day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.
2. Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising,  
Every good gift of the year, now with its Master returns.

*Refrain*

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3. Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom;  
Green is the woodland with leaves, bright are the meadows with flowers. *Refrain*
4. He who was nailed to the Cross is Lord and the ruler of all things;  
All things created on earth, worship the Maker of all. *Refrain*
5. Ill it beseemeth that thou, by whose hand all things are encompassed,  
Captive and bound should remain, deep in the gloom of the rock. *Refrain*
6. Rise now, O Lord from the grave, and cast off the shroud that enwrapped thee;  
Leaving the caverns of death, show us the light of thy face. *Refrain*
7. God of all pity and power, let thy word be assured to the doubting;  
Lo, he breaks forth from the tomb! See, he appears to his own! *Refrain*
8. Jesus, thou Health of the world, enlighten our minds, O Redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten of God. *Refrain*
9. So shalt thou bear in thine arms an immaculate people to heaven,  
Bearing them pure unto God, pledge of thy victory here. *Refrain*
10. Equal art thou, co-eternal, in fellowship One with the Father,  
And with the Spirit of truth, God evermore to be blest! *Refrain*

Based on the Latin of Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)