

Hymn Lyrics for 10-30-22

Hymn No. 327 Joy, Thou Goddess

Joy, thou goddess, fair immortal, offspring of Elysium,
mad with rapture, to the portal of thy holy fane we come!
Fashion's laws, indeed, may sever, but thy magic joins again;
humankind is one forever 'neath thy mild and gentle reign.

Joy, in nature's wide dominion, mightiest cause of all is found;
and 'tis joy that moves the pinion, when the wheel of time goes round;
from the bud she lures the flower, suns from out their orbs of light;
distant spheres obey her power, far beyond all mortal sight.

Hymn #108 All Life Flows On (alternate lyrics)

All life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the night it giveth.
Death comes to all – no one escapes the anguish of its stinging.
Yet knowing all good deeds live on, how can I keep from singing!

The old ones die, the newborns cry; the circle's never-ending.
Each generation learns to love from others' careful tending.
What gives the meaning to each life? What keeps the planets ringing?
Our hands across the ages reached and hearts together singing!

Hymn #306 Sing of Living, Sing of Dying

Sing of living, sing of dying, let them both be joined in one,
Parts of an eternal process like the ever-circling sun.
From the freshness of each infant giving hope in what is new,
to the wisdom of the aged deepened by a longer view.

Open to a deeper loving, open to the gift of care,
Searching for a higher justice, helping others in despair.
Through the tender bonds of living in a more inclusive way
We are opened more to suffering from the losses of each day.