

# The moon shines bright

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*We have but one life so make the most of it! The traditional hymn is rather sombre and funereal, based on the brevity of our lives. This version arranged by Dany Rosevear leans towards the hopeful and optimistic aspects of our journey through life for a younger audience. There are many different tunes used for this hymn – this one is as heard from Keith Kendrick's singing.*



Oh, the moon shines bright and the stars give a light,  
Just a little before the day,  
The voice of love, it calls on all of us,  
And bids us awake and arise.

Awake, awake, good people all,  
Awake for the wonders fly,  
And you shall behold the dawning of the day,  
When you wake and open your eyes.

In yonder garden green doth grow,  
As green as any leaf,  
So cherish, love and teach your children well,  
To do good to all those they meet.

Oh the life of a man 'tis but a span,  
It flourishes like a flower,  
As tender as the heart into which you are born,  
So treasure your every hour.

My song it is done, I must be gone,  
I can stay no longer here;  
Blessings to you all, both great and small,  
And wishing you another good year!

