

**NEH 109** (Ascension verses)

1. Hail thee, Festival Day, blest day that art hallowed for ever;  
Day when the Lord ascends, high in the heavens to reign.
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. He who has conquered the grave now rises to heavenly splendour;  
Fitley the light gives him praise - meadows and oceans and sky. *Refrain*
6. Christ, in thy triumph ascend: thou hast led captivity captive;  
Heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase of light. *Refrain*
7. Thence shall the spirit descend on them that await his appearing;  
Flame from the heart of our God, life-giving Spirit of peace. *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)