

The Hymnal 1982 - #545 Lo! what a cloud of witnesses

1 Lo! what a cloud of wit - ness - es en -
 2 Let us, with zeal like theirs in - spired, strive
 3 Be - hold a Wit - ness no - bler still, who
 4 He, for the joy be - fore him set, and
 5 Thith - er, for - get - ting things be - hind, press

1 com - pass us a - round! They, once like us with
 2 in the Chris - tian race; and, freed from ev - ery
 3 trod af - flic - tion's path: Je - sus, the au - thor,
 4 moved by pit - ying love, en - dured the cross, de -
 5 we to God's right hand; there, with the Sa - vior

1 suf - fering tried, are now with glo - ry crowned.
 2 weight of sin, their ho - ly foot - steps trace.
 3 fi - nish - er, re - ward - er of our faith.
 4 spised the shame, and now he reigns a - bove.
 5 and his saints, tri - um - phant - ly to stand.

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- 1 Lo! what a cloud of witnesses
 encompass us around!
 They, once like us with suffering tried,
 are now with glory crowned.
- 2 Let us, with zeal like theirs inspired,
 strive in the Christian race;
 and, freed from every weight of sin,

- their holy footsteps trace.
- 3 Behold a Witness nobler still,
who trod affliction's path:
Jesus, the author, finisher,
rewarder of our faith.
- 4 He, for the joy before him set,
and moved by pitying love,
endured the cross, despised the shame,
and now he reigns above.
- 5 Thither, forgetting things behind,
press we to God's right hand;
there, with the Savior and his saints,
triumphantly to stand.

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