

Behold the Bridegroom

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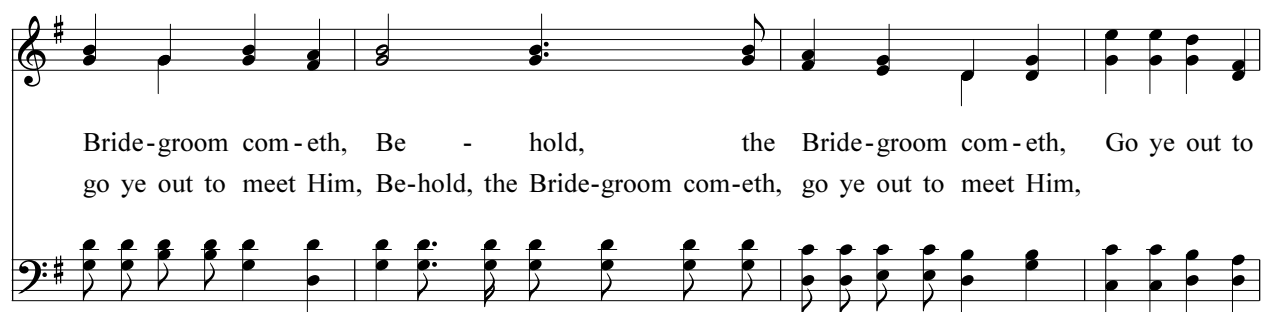
1. We're near - ing the clos - ing of time's mor - tal year, God's
 2. With oil in their ves - sels the wise for - ward go, Their
 3. The fool - ish go for - ward with - out an - y oil, They're
 4. Lo now, just at mid - night, the watch - man they hear, "A-
 5. The fool - ish to wise say "Give us of your oil"; "Not
 6. Lo, now comes the Bride - groom, with an - gel - ic host, All

king - dom doth now as ten vir - gins ap - pear, Who are go - ing for - ward, the
 lamps shin - ing bright and their hearts white as snow; They're rea - dy each mo - ment to
 just as con - tent - ed as those who have oil. They trust in the fu - ture the
 - wake from your slumb - ers, the Bride - groom is near"; The fool - ish to trim their lamps,
 so, lest there not be e - nough for us all; Go ye to the mer - chants and
 those who are rea - dy, go in - to the feast; The door be - ing closed, comes the

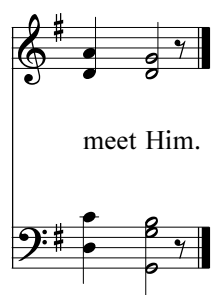
Bride - groom to meet, With lamps trimmed and burn - ing to di - rect their feet.
 wel - come the Lord, Who short - ly is com - ing to take them to God.
 oil to sup - ply, They'll wake soon to find that their lamps are burned dry.
 quick - ly a - rise, "Our lamps are gone out," they all cry in sur - prise.
 buy for your - selves." A - las, 'tis too late, they have just ceased to sell.
 fool - ish to knock, "De - part," saith the Lord, "I in - deed know you not."

Refrain

Be - hold, the Bride - groom com - eth, Be - hold, the
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