Wake the World with Dawning Joy

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- Wake the world with dawning joy!
 Wake it with your gladness!
 Work for justice, live in peace,
 Claim the word courageous!
 Let us sing to God this new day,
 See the world in a different way.
 Let us wake the world,
 Wake the world
 With abiding words of faith.
- 3. Love the world with different eyes,
 God's own love incarnate!
 Leaving all to follow Christ:
 Sweet and endless mercy!
 Let us sing to God this new day,
 Reach the world in miraculous ways,
 Let us wake the world,
 Wake the world
 With prophetic words of love!
- 2. Though the world is locked in sleep,
 Let us rise rejoicing
 One with Christ, his light to keep
 Called to human kindness
 Let us sing to God this new day,
 Walk the world in a holy way.
 Let us wake the world,
 Wake the world
 With uplifting words of hope.
- 4 Thunder now God's song of praise,
 Wake to harp and dancing,
 Sing to lift us all our days,
 Song of love and triumph!
 For the Bridegroom now awaits us,
 In the faces of all we meet,
 Now awake the world,
 Wake the world
 With unending words of joy!

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