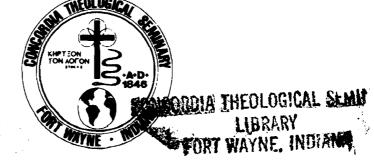
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An Ascension Hymn

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Disciples of our Lord
With awe beheld Christ rise as clouds obscured Him.
Their eyes where He had soared
Transfixed, until the angels' words assured them:
Gaze not into the sky with heart and soul suspended.
This Jesus, whom you love
Has now to heav'n ascended, ascended, ascended;
He'll come again when time has ended!

Until that final hour
His Gospel into all the world be taking;
The promised Spirit's pow'r
Shall go with you, new life in hearts awaking.

Gaze not into the sky with heart and soul suspended.
This Jesus, whom you love
Has now to heav'n ascended, ascended;
He'll come again when time has ended!

Then let us work today,
The night when none can toil advances nearer.
With bright and splendid ray
May God's great love shine through us always clearer.
Gaze not into the sky with heart and soul suspended.
This Jesus, whom you love
Has now to heav'n ascended, ascended, ascended;
He'll come again when time has ended!

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