

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain,  
Alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
Refrain:  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!  
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O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises,  
Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord, Refrain

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia,  
alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One, Refrain

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