RAISE A SONG IN JOYFUL CHEER

HYMN IN HONOR OF CATHERINE OF SIENA

(Lower Key)

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Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827
Harm. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

1. Raise a song, a joyful cheer, for Catherine born to glory!
2. From the outcast poor she reaches to the courts of pow'r above;
3. Wisdom's road may lead through night, the dream of peace be long denied,
4. Blessed God of Catherine's vision, boundless Ocean, mighty Spring!

1. Sing for all the world to hear her Spirit-authored story!
2. To the high and lowly preaches: "God is Truth whose Truth is Love!"
3. Conscience' bloom be choked and blighted, justice' champions crucified—
4. Word of Truth, eternal Wisdom, fertile flood enlivening!

1. Mamma, teacher, friend, and counsel, gentle coax or trumpet call.
2. To her world, a voice of conscience, to her church, a prod of truth.
3. Still behind the clouds, splendid, Sun un dancing lights the way.

1. Steeped in prayer, compelled to action: all in God as God is all!
2. To the ages, ageless wisdom, to our jaundice, fresh'ning youth.
3. Deep among the thorns, a fragrant Rose is opening to the Day!
4. Truth divine, our steps embolden! Love immense, our hearts expand!