

# The starry splendors of the night

1 The star - ry splen - dors of the night re - veal cre -  
 2 Though wound - ed by our thought - less care, cre - a - tion,  
 3 To bear that light which burns with - in, of Christ, whose  
 4 Through ten - der care that heals the earth we praise the

a - tion's birth - ing light, when God first cleaved the  
 bur - dened, yet will share God's light of hope and  
 birth we greet a - gain, and whose re - turn we like  
 One who gave it birth. So may our lives, like

night from day and formed us from the earth - en clay.  
 heal - ing power through those who heed the call this hour:  
 help pre - pare with ev - ery lov - ing ges - ture shared.  
 stars a - bove bear wit - ness to the Mak - er's love.

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 harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902

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