What if It Were Today?

Violin Solo

Jewish Quarter, Jerusalem
How delightful to stroll at random down the narrow, winding limestone lanes of Jerusalem’s Jewish Quarter. King Hezekiah, around 700 B.C., had added this westerly section to the city. During the Second Temple period, it became the priestly residential neighborhood overlooking the Temple Mount. Sadly, we can see the preserved remains of a house burned here by Roman armies in A.D.70. A small Jewish community reestablished itself here in the Jewish Quarter after the Crusaders were driven out of Jerusalem. Again it was destroyed by Jordan during and after the 1948 War and rebuilt after the Israeli conquest of the Old City during the 1967 War. The Jewish Quarter is the most attractive of the city’s districts—clean and beautifully restored. The little gardens and courtyards match the quiet, sedate, and decorous behavior of the Jewish population here. Some are modern Orthodox Jews, wearing their kippahs and business attire, and the others are traditional ultra-Orthodox (men in black frock coats and black hats); the women are in dresses. Will they be ready if the Lord should come today (Ro. 1:16)? Paul cried, “I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren... Who are Israelites” (Ro. 9:3-4).
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JE-SUS is com-ing to earth a-gain,

What if it were to-day?____ Com-ing in pow-er and love to reign,

What if it were to-day?____ Com-ing to claim HIS cho - sen Bride,

All the re - deemed and pu - rified,

O-ver this whole earth scat - tered wide,____ What if it were to-day?

Refrain

Glo - ry,____ glo - ry!____ Joy to my heart 'twill bring:

Glo - ry,____ glo - ry!____ When we shall crown HIM KING:

Glo - ry, glo - ry!____ Haste to pre - pare the way:

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Glory, glory! Jesus will come some day.

Faithful and true would HE find us here.

If HE should come today?

Watching in gladness and not in fear.

If HE should come today?

Signs of HIS coming multiply.

Morning light breaks in eastern sky, Watch, for that time is

Drawing nigh. What if it were today? Glory.

Glory! Joy to my heart 'twill bring:
What if It Were Today?

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! When we shall crown HIM.

KING:

Glo - ry, glo - ry!

Haste to prepare the way; Glory,

jasse:

a tempo

Glo - ry! JE - SUS will come some day.

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