Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,

giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.