

At early dawn they rise to come
by Richard D. Leach

At early dawn they rise to come,
 three women weak,
 three women strong.
They know a stone seals Jesus' tomb,
and that the stone will not be moved
 by three women weak,
yet still they come,
 three women strong.

They have no help, no tools, no plan,
 three women weak,
 three women strong.
They carry spices in their hands,
and wonder who will move the stone
 for three women weak,
yet still they come,
 three women strong.

They find the stone is rolled away,
 three women weak,
 three women strong.
for Jesus lives again today!
Between the good news and the world
 stand three women weak
They flee in fear,
 three women strong.

Give thanks for those who came at dawn –
 three women weak,
 three women strong.
O God of open, empty tomb,
We ask that we may be as strong
 as three women weak,
to serve you like
 three women strong.

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(Suggested *Singing the Faith* categories: Jesus Christ, Risen and Ascended. Our
Journey with God. Calling and Commission.)

Where was the greater struggle? by Richard D. Leach

Where was the greater struggle? –
where Jesus was alone
to fast and face his hunger
among the loaves of stone –
or where five thousand gathered
and wanted to be fed
with words, for hearts that hungered,
as well as broken bread?

Where was the greater struggle? –
where Jesus with a glance
took in a world of kingdoms
to reach for all at once –
or where he rose from table
when suppertime had come,
to wash his own disciples
and love them one by one?

Where was the greater struggle? –
where Jesus saw thin air,
and leaping might bring angels,
fulfilling scripture there –
or where a cross held Jesus
till every leap was stilled
by empire's law and order,
and scripture was fulfilled?

In wilderness Christ Jesus
rehearsed for what would come,
and won a lesser struggle
before a greater one.
Come, Spirit of the struggle,
come, wild and holy dove,
lead us to leap for gladness,
show us a world of love.

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