

WHAT God th' Almighty Lord will speak,
Will we draw near to hear;
For to His people He'll speak peace,
In kindness will appear.

- 2 Mercy and truth that long were missed,
In Christ have truly met;
Sweet peace and righteousness have kissed,
And hand in hand are set.
- 3 Truth from the earth through Him shall flower,
Shall bud and blossom here,
And righteousness from Heaven's bower
Look down to draw us near.
- 4 The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot stray,
Before Him righteousness shall go,
The herald of His way.

John Milton, 1608-74†