

# ENGLAND'S EASTER.



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SCENE I.: *Bethany, Anno Domini 33.*

*Martha :*

Hadst Thou been here, my Lord,  
My brother had not died ;  
But e'en now ask of God,  
It shall not be denied.

*Jesus :*

Thy brother shall rise again.

*Martha :*  
I know, Lord, he shall rise  
As Thou dost say,  
In the resurrection's latter day.

*Jesus :*

I am the resurrection, and can give  
Unto the dead new life, that they may live.

*Mary (weeping) :*

If Thou hadst been here  
My brother had not died,  
(She wept, and all the mourners with her  
cried.)

*Jesus wept.*

*Jesus :*

Take ye away the stone from off the grave !  
(They rolled away the stone from off the cave.)

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Then Jesus spake, and Lazarus obeyed  
The word "come forth" which Jesus to him said.

SCENE II.: *England, Anno Domini 1894.*

*Britannia :*

Those poor submerged, I shudder at their fate.  
If Christ were here He'd save them from that  
state.

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She weeps, and all her mourners with her weep,  
O'er those submerged, sunk in the mire so deep.

(*Jesus weeps.*)

*Jesus :*

I am the resurrection, and can give  
Unto the dead, new life, that they may live.  
"Roll ye away the stone."

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The stone is rolled away,  
And you can see to-day

Full many a resurrection from the dead  
Of many "dossers" whom  
From out their submerged tomb ;  
To them is spoke "come forth," which Jesus said.



AND H.W.

'Tis Easter in our land,  
Around on every hand,  
The buried flowers are rising from the earth.  
The birds are singing too,  
And sinners not a few,  
Are proving now the joys of second birth.  
GEORGE LOGAN.