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## The Blessed Hope

World chaos reigns! Bold lawlessness runs faster,
And earth's dark night with deeper darkness grows!
In many lands unparalleled disaster,
Wars, famines, earthquakes, floods, 'mongst many foes.

The darkness deepens! Yes, but dawn is nearer, The Lord from Heaven may soon be on His way; The "Blessed Hope" in these dark days grows dearer, Our Saviour Christ will come—"Perhaps To-day!"

Earth's groans and cries all speak a hast'ning climax!
Dictators rise, and rule with iron hand!
Distress, unrest, and fear possess the nations;
Bold lawlessness strides on in every land.

Take heart, ye saints! Refuse to be discouraged, The Saviour cometh! Yes, may come to-day; The glorious COMING — THAT is what we look for! Rejoice, Be glad, Wait, Work, And Watch And Pray!

... J. Danson Smith