Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
   mid-night lies before us, dark-er mid-night lies before us, dark-er
   lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,

2. Dark-er mid-night lies be-fore us, dark-er mid-night lies be-fore us,
   morn-ing soon is break-ing, lo, the morn-ing soon is break-ing, lo, the
   lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,

3. Lo, the morn-ing soon is break-ing, lo, the morn-ing soon is break-ing,
   trimmed and burning, for this work’s al-most done.
   lies be-fore us, for this work’s al-most done.
   soon is break-ing, for this work’s al-most done.

4. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
   trimmed and burning, for this work’s al-most done.
   lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,

Refrain

Chil-dren, don’t grow wea-ry; chil-dren, don’t grow wea-ry;
chil-dren, don’t grow wea-ry, for this work’s al-most done.

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