

Rise, O People

(250th Anniversary Song for the Presentation Congregation)

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Verse 1

In the silence of the night, a lantern gave its glow,
Nano walked the narrow streets, where few would dare to go.
She carried hope for all children, a flame that still survives,
Two hundred fifty years, her spirit is alive.

Chorus

Rise, all you people, lift up your eyes,
The lantern still guides us, the flame never dies.
Through trials and triumphs, our story still unfolds,
With justice and mercy, our hearts brave and bold.

Verse 2

From Cork to every nation, her vision took its flight,
A family of compassion, united in the Light.
Across all seas and all borders, her mission calls us still,
To stand with all the silenced, in love and in goodwill.

Chorus

Rise, all you people, lift up your eyes,
The lantern still guides us, the flame never dies.
Through trials and triumphs, our story still unfolds,
With justice and mercy, our hearts brave and bold.

Verse 3

Our voices from all nations, rising evermore,
Bound by love and purpose, one people, one call.
In every stand for justice, in every heart consoled,
Her lantern burns within us, a vision to behold.

Final Chorus

Rise, all you people, lift up your eyes,
The lantern still guides us, the flame never dies.
Through trials and triumphs, our story still unfolds,
With justice and mercy, our hearts brave and bold.
With justice and mercy, Nano's vision still grows.