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Words and music by Steven Adams and F. E. Weatherly. The song is recorded in the [African Methodist Episcopal Church Review](#) in 1911 as having been sung by an opera singer awaiting trial for fraud in his cell while a group of men arrested for drunk and disorderly conduct were before the judge. The men were said to have dropped to their knees as the song began 'Last night I lay a-sleeping, There came a dream so fair.', the lyrics contrasting with their previous night's drunkenness. The song's conclusion resulted in the judge dismissing the men without punishment, each having learned a lesson from the song.^[1] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Holy_City_\(song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Holy_City_(song))

Last **night** I lay a-sleeping there **came** a dream so fair

I **stood** in old Jerusalem **beside** the temple there

I **heard** the children singing and **ever** as they sang

Methought the voice of angels from **Heav'n** in answer rang

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CHORUS:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, **Lift** up your gates and sing

Hosanna in the **highest** Hosanna to your **King!**

4 bar turnaround

And **then** methought my dream was changed the **streets** no longer rang,

Hushed **were** the glad Hosannas the **little** children sang

The **sun** grew dark with mystery the **morn** was cold and chill

As the **shadow** of a cross arose **upon** a lonely hill

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CHORUS:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, **Hark** how the angels sing

Hosanna in the **highest** Hosanna to your **King!**

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INTERLUDE:

And **once** again the scene was changed new **earth** there seemed to be

I **saw** the Holy City **beside** the tideless sea.

The **Light** of God was on it's streets the **gates** were open wide.

And **all** who would might e--nter and **no**-one was **denied**

No **need** of moon or **stars** by night, Or **sun** to shine by **day**

It **was** the new Jerusalem that **would** not pass **away**

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CHORUS:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, **Sing** for the night is **o'er**

Hosanna in the **highest** Hosanna for ever **more**

Hosanna in the **highest** ---//

Hosanna for ev-er---- **more**-----