Harvest Home
6 lines 8

John Sugden MS
Composer unknown

Based on Matthew Ch 13, v 38.

Joseph Hinchcliffe, 1797.

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1 This is the field, the world below, In which the sowers came to sow; Jesus the wheat, Satan the tares, For so the harvest know? Is ev'ry man or wheat or tare? Then for that there shall see; And shine like suns for ever there: He that hath.

2 Most awful truth! And is it so? Must all the world that word of truth declares. And soon the reaping time will come, And angels ears, now let him hear: For soon etc, har - vest, O prepare! For soon etc,

4 But all who truly righteous be Their Father's kingdom must, who hath the harvest come! And let him hear: For soon etc, ears, now let him hear: For soon etc,

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And angels shout the harvest home; And soon the reaping time will come,
Where tares and wheat together grow: May serve me while I live below,
To love my sins—a saint to appear, To grow with wheat—yet be a tare,
And tares and wheat together grow: But soon the reaping time will come,
To love my sins—a saint to appear, And angels shout the harvest home.

Emendations:
Bar 13, Alto was EF. Bar 16: Alto, values reversed.
Bar 20: Alto was FA. Bar 33, Tenor started DCC.
Alto line originally octave higher.

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