

## Jerusalem

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*And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green:  
And was the Holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen!*

*And did the Countenance Divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded Mills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here,  
Among these dark Satanic Mills?*

*Bring me my Bow of burning gold;  
Bring me my Arrows of desire;  
Bring me my Spear, O Clouds unfold!  
Bring me my Chariot of fire!*

*I will not cease from Mental Fight,  
Nor shall my Sword sleep in my hand:  
In England's green & pleasant Land  
Till we have built Jerusalem*

The left need to embrace those last two verses in particular.

No one else is going to do it.

And yes - I know it says England - and I know it will challenge some with its allusions to faith - and I think more broadly on both - but this is the night of the Last Night of the Proms - and we have to embrace the paradox of the absurdity and yet sheer joy of that occasion and not be embarrassed about either - and indeed claim them as our own.