St Albans Hymnal. Hymn 365.  
 Lyrics Dr JM Neale, 1818 – 1866. Score St Alphege, 7v with two line intro

O happy band of pilgrims  
if onward ye will tread  
with Christ our Lord as leader  
to Christ our Lord as head !

O happy if ye labour  
as he hath done for men  
O happy if you love them  
as He hath loved them then.

The faith by which ye see Him  
the hope in which ye yearn  
the love that through all troubles  
to Him alone will turn.

What are they but His heralds  
to lead you to His sight ?  
what are they but the effluence  
of uncreated light ?

The trials that beset you  
the sorrows ye enbdure  
the manifold temptations  
that death alone can cure.

What are they but His jewels  
of right celestial worth  
what are they but a ladder  
set up to heaven on earth ?

O happy band of pilgrims  
look upward to the skies  
where such a light affliction  
shall win so great a prize.