

# UNLESS THE LORD SHALL BUILD THE HOUSE

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1. Un - less the Lord shall build the house, the build - ers toil shall  
 2. Be - fore the dawn - ing of the day, We rise, our la - bors  
 3. Like ar - rows in the war - rior's hand, Be - hold, these child - ren

be in vain; Un - less the Lord the cit - y guard, A  
 to re - new; We sit up late, and sor - row's bread By  
 from the Lord. How blessed the man whose qui - ver's full, Such

use - less watch do men main - tain. Vain - ly they watch  
 toil - some la - bor to pur - sue; 'Tis all in vain  
 fruit - ful - ness is God's re - ward. By faith our child -

through wear - y hours, Vain is their trust in walls and towers.  
 till God has blessed, Yes, He shall give His peo - ple rest.  
 ren cause no shame, By grace they bear God's roy - al name.