

# Quite Early Morning

*Pete Seeger*

*(with bits of Peggy's tweaks, and mine)*

They say it's darkest before the dawn.  
It's this thought keeps us all a moving on.  
We must heed these early warnings,  
The time is now, quite early morning.  
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Some say that humankind won't long endure,  
They sound so sad, they sound so sure.  
But I know that you who hear my singing  
Can make those freedom bells go ring-ding-ding-dinging.  
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Can make those freedom bells go ring-ding-ding-dinging.

And so we keep on while we live  
Until we have no, no more to give  
And when these fingers can strum no longer  
Hand the old guitar to someone stronger.  
And when our fingers can play no longer  
Hand the old guitar to someone stronger.

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It's this thought keeps us all a moving on.  
We must heed these early warnings,  
The time is now, quite early morning.  
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The time is now, quite early morning.

So though it's darkest before the dawn,  
Work together – keep movin' on,  
Through all this world of joy and sorrow,  
We still can have singing tomorrow.  
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We still can have singing tomorrow.