

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

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Spotlight on Hymnody: The original text for Hymn 150 is described as “impossible for public worship” in *A Dictionary of Hymnology* from 1892. This assertion may be because it had fully nine stanzas, not the six we know today. One of these was this: “And shall we in silken ease, festal mirth carousals high—all that can our senses please—let our Lenten hours pass by?” That’s a pretty quirky poetic way of expressing that *Mardi gras* is over, and now we are called to fast.

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