

Holy Light on Earth's Horizon

Fabian Duggan, OSB / STUTTGART



1. Holy light on earth's horizon,
star of hope to fallen man,
light amid a world of shadows,
dawn of God's redemptive plan.

2. Chosen from eternal ages,
thou alone of all our race,
by thy Son's atoning merits
wast conceived in perfect grace.

3. Mother of the world's Redeemer,
promised from the dawn of time:
how could one so highly favoured
share the guilt of Adam's crime?

4. Sun and moon and stars adorn thee,
sinless Eve, triumphant sign;
thou art she who crushed the serpent,
Mary, pledge of life divine.

5. Earth below and highest heaven
praise the splendour of thy state,
thou who now art crowned in glory
wast conceived immaculate.

6. Hail, belovèd of the Father,
mother of his only Son,
mystic bride of Love eternal,
hail, thou fair and spotless one!

Lyrics: 87.87; Fabian Duggan, OSB, 1930-2013, from "The St. Andrew Hymnal", Glasgow, 1964 (incorrectly attributed to Edward Caswall).
Music: STUTTGART; Christian Friedrich Witt's "Psalmodia Sacra", Gotha, 1715; adapted by Henry John Gauntlett, 1805-1876, in "Hymns Ancient and Modern", 1861.