

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
- ℟. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
4. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
that trust thy mighty pow'r to save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
5. O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine Advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
all people in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
the whole world fill with heaven's peace.

Inspiration: "Veni, veni, Emmanuel", Latin, 9th cent.; st. 1, 3-6, para. in "Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum", Cologne, 1710.

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