

The Advent of Our King

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1. The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ;
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.
2. The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his people free.
3. O Zion's daughter, rise
and greet thine infant King;
nor let thy stubborn heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.
4. As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
his true disciples all unite
with him in heav'n to reign.
5. Before the dawning Day
let sin's dark deeds be gone,
the sinful self be put away,
the new self now put on.
6. All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

Inspiration: "Instantatis adventum Dei"; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749, in "Paris Breviary", 1736.
Lyrics: 66.86; John Chandler, 1806-1876, in "The Hymns of the Primitive Church", 1837.