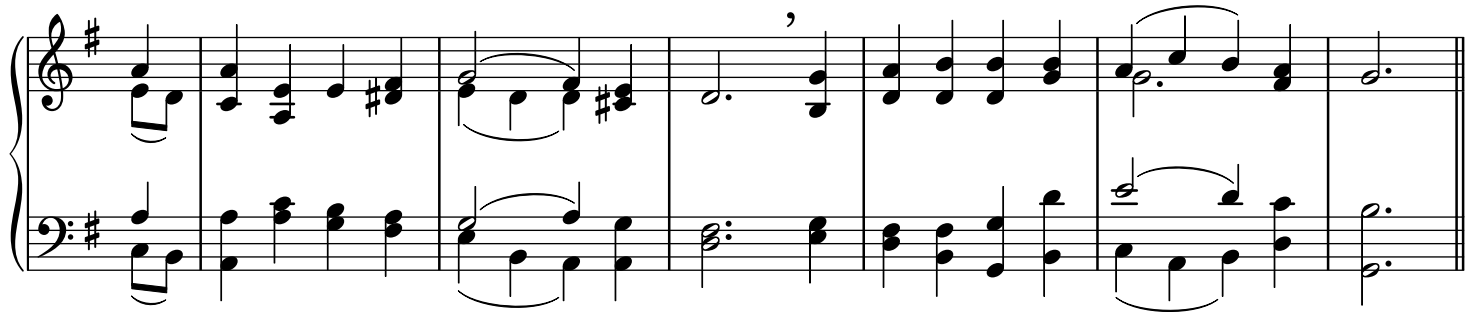
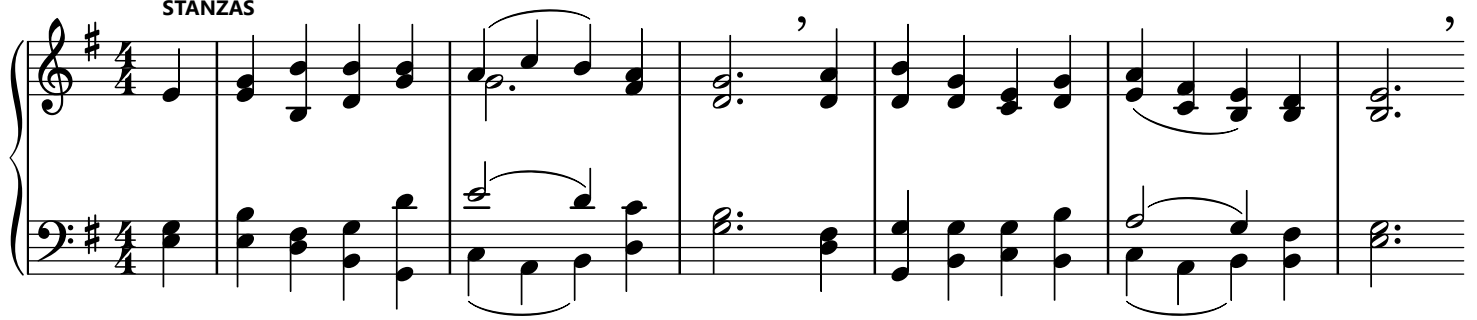


Veni, veni, Emmanuel
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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STANZAS



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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.
- R.** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.
2. O come, true 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. **R.**
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
in ancient times on Sinai's height
you gave your chosen tribes the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe. **R.**
4. O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your children from all tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **R.**
5. O come, O 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. **R.**
6. O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. **R.**
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be yourself our Prince of Peace. **R.**

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