

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*  
**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 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. **℟.**
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. **℟.**
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. **℟.**
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. **℟.**
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. **℟.**
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. **℟.**

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