

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 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, thou holy 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's stem,
from ev'ry foe deliver them.
From death and sin thy people 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 shadows put to flight. **℞.**
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of Peace. **℞.**

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