

# Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,  
born to set your people free!  
From our fears and sins release us;  
in your heart our rest shall be.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope to all you shall impart;  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.
3. Born your people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now your gracious kingdom bring.
4. By your own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by your all-sufficient merit  
raise us to your glorious throne.

Lyrics: 87.87 D; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, in his "Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord", 1744.