

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

Wesley

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

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