

# Come, Thou 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 D; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, in his "Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord", 1744.