

# 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.

**R. 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 shadow 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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