

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
not wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Music: SAINT DENIO (JOANNA); traditional Welsh melody; adapted in John Roberts' "Canidau y Cyssegr" ("Hymns of the Sanctuary"), 1839.