

Veni Creator Spiritus
Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

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1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid
the world's foundations first were laid!
Give us thyself that we may see
the Father and the Son by thee.
2. O Source of uncreated light,
the Father's promised Paraclete;
Thrice holy Font, Thrice holy fire,
our hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
3. All adoration ever be,
eternal Paraclete to thee.
From sin and sorrow set us free
that we may live eternally.

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