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O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come,
 6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind

1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 2. Who or - d'rest all things might - i - ly;
 3. Who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height
 4. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 5. And o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home;
 6. And cheer us by thy draw - ing night;
 7. In one the hearts of all hu - man - kind;

1. That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 2. To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 3. In an - cient times didst give the law,
 4. That trust thy might - y pow'r to save,
 5. Make safe the way that leads on high,
 6. Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 7. Bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,

Pastoral Note: The verses of this ancient chant reflect the 'O' *Antiphons* which are sung during Advent Vespers, the seven days preceding the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. Each verse portrays a specific attribute of Emmanuel, the Word made flesh.

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1. Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2. And teach us in her ways to go.
 3. In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 4. And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 5. And close the path to mis - er - y.
 6. And death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7. And be thy - self our Prince of Peace.

Refrain

Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; 'O' *Antiphons*, Latin, 9th cent.; Verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; Verses 2, 7, tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL; Chant, Mode I; *Processionale*, French, 15th cent.;
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