O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5) Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

My Soul in Stillness Waits



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.



on - ly hope of ry, Lord of Light, our 10 rain down up - on our spir its; Spring of Joy, 2 0

im - plant your seed with - in us, Root of Life,

Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age; be - fore the God who made 5 Come, let us bow

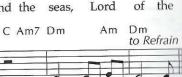
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all who look to you; your ra-diance shines in come, make us hearts are yearn - ing for your word; our thirst - v ad - vent, draw us all to our hope re in vour seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to

o - pened to the Lord, heart be ev - erv the moun-tains and the seas, Cre - a - tor of

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in dark and shad - ow. all hearts of be com - fort to our hearts. whole, dy - ing and in ris - ing. born the path-way of your peace. us the peo - ple of God's hand. all now. and pres - ent to us

Am

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With a paraphrase of Psalm 62:5 as a refrain, this Advent text adapts four of the "Great O" antiphons (all of which can be seen in no. 88), combining them with a paraphrase of Psalm 95:6-7 and an echo of a medieval hymn. This rich blend yields a wealth of imagery and meaning.