O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from satan's tyranny. From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here. And drive away the shades of night, And pierce the clouds and bring us light.

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 of misery.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh. To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease. Fill all the world with heaven's peace. Latin Hymn, 12c., Plainsong, Thomas Helmore © Public Domain