

Born Is The King *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Lyrics

**Note: Because this carol developed from multiple sources and was first recorded in German, there is not really one canonical set of lyrics. Thus, if these are different from the ones you know, please enjoy this new variation!*

If you want to listen to the carol: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tMV2cHLcPI>

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

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice; Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel
Rejoice, rejoice; Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times gave holy law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Oh, come O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save;
Bring them in victory through the grave.

"O come, O come, Emmanuel" (Latin: "Veni, veni, Emmanuel") is a Christian hymn for Advent and Christmas. The text was originally written in Latin. It is a metrical paraphrase of the O Antiphons, a series of plainchant antiphons attached to the Magnificat at Vespers over the final days before Christmas. The hymn has its origins over 1,200 years ago in monastic life in the 8th or 9th century. Seven days before Christmas Eve, monasteries would sing the "O antiphons" in anticipation of Christmas Eve, when the eighth antiphon, "O Virgo virginum" ("O Virgin of virgins") would be sung before and after Mary's canticle, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55). The Latin metrical form of the hymn was composed as early as the 12th century. (Wikipedia)

Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease,
And be yourself our King of Peace.

? What aspects of this carol do you like?

? Each verse has a different description of God. Read the following verses - what do these verses say about each name used for God or facet of God?

Emmanuel - Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

²³ The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Dayspring - Luke 1:76-79 (NIV)

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Wisdom - 1 Corinthians 1:30 (NIV)

³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

Lord of might - Deuteronomy 10:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

Rod of Jesse - Isaiah 11:1-2 (NIV)

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord

Key of David - Revelation 3:7 (NIV)

⁷ “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

Desire of Nations - Haggai 2:7 (NIV)

⁷ I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty.

? Can you think of other names attributed to God?

? What is significant about there being so many names used to describe God?

? Which facet or name of God resonates most with you?

rejoice (verb)

Definition:

1. (intransitive) To be very happy, be delighted, exult; to feel joy.
2. (transitive) To make happy, exhilarate.

? What causes you to rejoice in life?

? Looking at the verses, what are some reasons we should rejoice in Jesus coming back?

? Emmanuel means “God with us.” We are not living in the time when Jesus was on earth, but how do you see “God with us” in your own life?

The name “Emmanuel” is found just a couple times in the Bible. Read Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23.

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

? What is significant about this prophecy?

? What imagery in the song stands out to you?

For Discussion and Accountability

? Is there a step you could take that would help you rejoice in what God has done?