

Hymns – 28th December

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- 1 Of the Father's heart begotten
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain,
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.
- 2 By his word was all created;
he commanded and 'twas done;
earth and sky and boundless ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft
radiance,
all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore.
- 3 He assumed this mortal body,
frail and feeble, doomed to die,
that the race from dust created
might not perish utterly,
which the dreadful Law had
sentenced
in the depths of hell to lie,
evermore and evermore.
- 4 O how blest that wondrous
birthday,
when the Maid the curse retrieved,
brought to birth mankind's salvation,
by the Holy Ghost conceived,
and the Babe, the world's
Redeemer,
in her loving arms received,
evermore and evermore.
- 5 This is he, whom seer and sybil
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealèd
in the page of prophecy;

lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
evermore and evermore.

- 6 Sing, ye heights of heaven, his
praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.

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- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship

*Christ the new-born King,
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.*

- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by
night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
- 4 Though an infant now we view
him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

- 1 See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the Lamb of God appears,
promised from eternal years!

*Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*
- 2 Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
he who, throned in height
sublime,
sits amid the cherubim!
- * 3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?
- * 4 'As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels, singing "Peace on earth,"
told us of a Saviour's birth.'
- 5 Sacred Infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is
come!
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him
room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and
nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world, the Saviour
reigns!
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 He rules the world with truth
and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.