

Come now with awe

1. Come now with awe, earth's ancient vigil keeping;
Cold under starlight lies the stony way.
Down from the hillside see the shepherds creeping,
Hear in our hearts the whispered new the say:
'Laid in a manger lies an infant sleeping,
Christ our Redeemer, born for us today.'
2. Come now with joy to worship and adore Him;
Hushed in the stillness, wonder and behold,
Christ in the stable where His mother bore Him,
Christ whom the prophets faithfully foretold;
High King of ages, low we kneel before him,
Starlight for silver, lantern-light for gold.
3. Come now with faith, the age-long secret guessing,
Hearts rapt in wonder, soul and spirit stirred;
See in our likeness love beyond expressing,
All God has spoken, all the prophets heard;
Born for us sinners, bearer of all blessing,
Flesh of our flesh, behold th' eternal Word!
4. Come now with love: beyond our comprehending
Love in its fullness lies in mortal span!
How should we love, whom Love is so befriending?
Love rich in mercy since our race began
Now stoops to save us, sighs and sorrows ending,
Jesus our Saviour, Son of God made man.