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HYMNS.

1. [Advent 1.]

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1 HARK! a gladsome voice is thrilling, Earth's dim pathways wildly shaking: Lo! the ancient fane is filling With the glow, for day is breaking; Day is breaking, night dreams vanish; Christ is coming—gloom to banish.

- 2 Christ is coming!—from thy prison
 Earth-bound spirit, spring with gladness:
 Rising with the star, new rison,
 Health to shed on human sadness:
 Lo! the Lamb descends from heaven,
 Sinners—haste to be forgiven.
- 3 Yea! to grant a gracious guerdon
 Once again He comes in glory—
 Mourners—freighted with your pardon
 His right hand He lifteth o'er ye.
 Lord, when doom and death confound us,
 Be Thine arm of mercy round us.
- 4 To the Father, Son, and Spirit,
 Glory, honour, power, be given:
 Lord, to Thine eternal meric
 Praise be sung in earth and heaven:
 Voice of saints in concert blending,
 Heard through ages never ending. Amen.

1 LEST the Comer tarry long,
Fervently with prayer intrest Him;
Seek His face with festal song,
And with gladsome service greet Him:
Seed eternal, He forbeareth
Not to grace the Virgin's womb:
God, a servant's guise He weareth,
Us to free from servile doom.

- 2 Rise to meet Him, Sion, rise, Prince of Peace, Himself He offers Mildly meek;—then ne'er despise, Hard of heart, the peace He proffers: On a bright clear cloud all glorious, Judge of earth, will He come back, And His members bear victorious Upward on His heavenly track.
- 3 Brood of shadows—shapes of sin—
 Let them with the day-spring vanish:
 That the man new formed within,
 Thence the ancient Adam banish.
 Praise to Thine eternal merit,
 Coming Saviour, mighty Son,
 With the Father and the Spirit,
 While eternal ages run. Amen.

3. [Advent 4.]

1 FROM the desert caverns rude, Now the new Elias fareth; Sore he chides the viper-brood, And for Christ a path prepareth: Lo! the Judge is hastening hither, Purging with His fan the floor, Soon in fires the chaff shall wither, While the wheat His barus shall store.

2 Christ is coming;—mount and hill, Bending low your heads, adore Him; Vales arise—your hollows fill, Crooked ways, grow straight before Him: High Forerunner, Light's true herald, Rouse the slumberera on thy path, Lest we perish, sloth-imperilled, In the Lamb's avenging wrath.

3 Highest praise to God the Lord—
To the Father's endless merit;
To the sole begotten Word,
Who all glory doth inherit;
Praise and honour without ending,
Be to Him, the Spirit of Love,
Forth the Christian Champion sending,
Armed with unction from above. Amen.

4.

[Advent 5.]

- 1 WORD from the Sire, supernal,
 Forth-faring long ago;
 And born to succour a lost world
 In time's declining flow:
 - 2 Enlighten now our bosoms, And with Thy love inflame, That tidings of heaven's goodly spell May purge our souls of shame—