

Harvesters, Perimeter Church

“Songs of Christmas, part 2”

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President

Follow-up from last week

Writer of the melody

Joy to the World

Lowell Mason

- From 1815 to 1827 he led the choir at Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, GA
- Started Music Education in American Public Schools in the 1830s in Boston, MA

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Writer of the melody

The First Noel

William Sandys

“His publications, together with those of Charles Dickens (*A Christmas Carol*, 1843, et al), redefined, continued, and intensified the trend of Christmas celebration in England.”

Why Hymns Should Matter

1. God sings -
Divined Mask Singer
2. Made in his image
3. Music cements truths
in our minds

“[In Genesis 1] God, the Great Artist, starts singing, and all creation explodes into existence – every square inch reverberating with His glory.”
- Caleb Click

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, part 1

John Mason Neale

Born – January 24, 1818

At 5, his father died

Student of Charles Simeon

He was passionately fond of music, and had an exquisite ear for melody in words, but "he had not a note in his voice."

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, part 2

From the 12th century

Antiphon

Plainsong or Chant

“Each of the Antiphons greets the Savior with one of the many titles ascribed to Him in the Scriptures.”
- Kenneth Osbeck

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, part 3

Originally 7 stanza

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 11:1

Luke 1:78

Revelation 3:7-8

1. *O Sapientia (Wisdom), quae ex ore altissimi*
2. *O Adonay (Lord) et dux domus Israel*
3. *O Radix Jesse (Root or Rod of Jesse) qui stas in signum*
4. *O Clavis David (Key of David) et sceptrum domus*
5. *O Oriens (Orient, East, or Dayspring), splendor lucis aeternae*
6. *O Rex (King) gentium et desideratus*
7. *O Emmanuel, rex et legifer*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, part 4

We sing 5

1. Emmanuel
2. Lord
3. Rod of Jesse
4. Dayspring
5. Key of David

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, part 5

Rod of Jesse

1. Fulfilled in Christ

Dayspring

1. "Sun-rising"
2. Zacharias

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

4 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, part 6

Key of David

1. Isaiah 22:22

2. Isaiah 9:6

5 O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Application

1. Strong theological house gives us freedom.
2. No small places or people in the kingdom.
3. Sing this Christmas.
4. How is God calling you to serve and suffer?