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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

2. O come, thou wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;

to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height

in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;

before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

5. O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home.

The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery.

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.

From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.