

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

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Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly kept His word
What the fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets' heart in - spired,
A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er, Ja - cob's Lord--

And at last to us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
What they longed for man - y a year, Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Him of two - fold race be - hold-- Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.

4. As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.
5. Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.
6. Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.