

O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

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Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln;
tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; alt.

French, 15th cent.;
setting: C. Winfred Douglas, 1867-1944

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The first system consists of five measures. The second system consists of six measures. The third system consists of five measures and is labeled 'refrain' at the end. The fourth system consists of eight measures and ends with a double bar line. The notation includes various note values, rests, and chordal textures.

Lyrics are provided on the next page.

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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 thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, O come, though Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'r'y o'er the grave.

Refrain

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

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, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain