

LX.

Veni Redemptor gentium.

EVENING HYMN.
from CHRISTMAS EVE TO EPIPHANY.

Original Melody of the 4th Century, reduced.
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The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system contains the lyrics: "Come, Thou Re-deem-er of the earth, Come, tes-ti-fy Thy Vir-gin-birth:". The second system contains the lyrics: "All lands admire,—all times applaud; Such is the birth that fits a God. A-men." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

1. **V**ENI Redemptor gentium,
Ostende partum Virginis;
Miretur omne seculum;
Talis decet partus Deum.

2. Non ex virili femine,
Sed mystico spiramine,
Verbum Dei factum est caro,
Fructusque ventris floruit.

3. Alvus tumescit Virginis,
Claustra pudoris permanent,
Vexilla virtutum micant,
Verfatur in Templo Deus.

4. Egressus ejus a Patre,
Regressus ejus ad Patrem;
Excursus usque ad inferos,
Recurfus ad sedem Dei.

5. Æqualis æterno Patri,
Carnis stropheo accingere;
Infirma nostri corporis
Virtute firmans perpeti.

6. Præsepe jam fulget Tuum,
Lumenque nox spiret novum;
Quod nulla nox interpolet,
Fideque jugi luceat.

7. Deo Patri fit gloria,
Ejusque soli Filio,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Et nunc et in perpetuum. Amen.

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1. **C**OME, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
Come, testify Thy Virgin-birth:
All lands admire,—all times applaud;
Such is the birth that fits a God.

2. Begotten of no human will,
But of the SPIRIT, mystic still,
The Word of GOD, in flesh array'd,
The promised fruit to man display'd.

3. The Virgin womb that burden gain'd,
With Virgin honour all unstain'd;
The banners there of virtue glow:
God in His temple dwells below.

4. From GOD the FATHER He proceeds:
To GOD the FATHER back He speeds:
Proceeds,—as far as very hell;
Speeds back to light ineffable.

5. O equal to Thy FATHER, Thou!
Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now:
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

6. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light;
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.

7. All honour, laud, and glory be,
O JESU, Virgin-born, to Thee!
All glory, as is ever meet,
To FATHER and to PARACLETE. Amen.

Hymnal Noted.