O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL (8 8 8 8 8)
Latin antiphon, 12th century
13th century plainsong
tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

1. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som cap-tive
2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes-se, free Thine own from Sa-tan’s
4. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir-its by Thine
5. O come, Thou Key of Da-vid, come, And o-pen wide our

Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here Un-
Si-nai’s height In an-cient times didst give the law In
 tyr-an-ny; From depths of hell Thy peo-ple save, And
ad-vent here; Dis-perse the gloom-y clouds of night, And
heav’n-ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And

til the Son of God ap-pear.
cloud and maj-es-ty and awe.
give them vic-t’ry o’er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-
death’s dark shad-ows put to flight.
close the path to mis-er-y.

man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.