

## Of the Father's Love Begotten

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
 2. At His word the worlds were fram - ed; He com - mand - ed; it was done;  
 3. *He is found in hu - man fash - ion, Death and sor - row here to know,*  
 4. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin, full of grace,  
 5. *This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with one ac - cord,*  
 6. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;  
 7. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end - ing He,  
 Heav'n and earth and depths of o - cean In their three - fold or - der one;  
*That the race of Ad - am's chil - dren, Doomed by law to end - less woe,*  
 By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bore the Sav - ior of our race;  
*Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets Prom - ised in their faith - ful word;*  
 Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King!  
 Hymn and chant with high thanks - giv - ing And un - wear - ied prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture  
 All that grows be - neath the shin - ing Of the moon and  
*May not hence - forth die and per - ish In the dread - ful*  
 And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, First re - vealed His  
*Now He shines, the long - ex - pect ed; Let cre - a - tion*  
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in  
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e - ter - nal

years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 burn - ing sun, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 gulf be - low, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 sa - cred face, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 praise its Lord, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 con - cert sing, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Music: plainchant, c. 1100s

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