

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be -
 2. At His Word the worlds were fram - èd; He com-mand-ed;
 3. He is found in hu - man fash - ion, Death and sor - row
 4. O that birth for - ev - er bles - sèd, When the vir - gin,
 gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 it was done: Heav'n and earth and depths of o - cean
 here to know, That the race of Ad - am's chil - dren
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that
 In their three-fold or - der one; All that grows be -
 Doomed by law to end - less woe, May not hence-forth
 Bare the Sav - iour of our race; And the Babe, the
 are, that have been, And that fu - ture
 neath the shin - - - ing Of the moon and
 die and per - - - ish In the dread - ful
 world's Re - deem - - - er, First re - vealed His
 years shall see, *Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!*
 burn - ing sun,
 gulf be - low,
 sac - red face,
 9. A - men.

5. O ye heights of heaven adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
 Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King!
 Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert sing,
7. Righteous judge of souls departed, Righteous King of them that live,
 On the Father's throne exalted None in might with Thee may strive;
 Who at last in vengeance coming Sinners from Thy face shalt drive,
6. This is He Whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord;
 Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word;
 Now He shines, the long expected, Let creation praise its Lord,
8. Thee let old men, thee let young men, Thee let boys in chorus sing;
 Matrons, virgins, little maidens, With glad voices answering:
 Let their guileless songs re-echo, And the heart its music bring,
9. Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
 Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving,
 And unwearied praises be:
 Honour, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory,

Corde natus ex parentis

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