

Christ is coming!

Instrumental descant

1 Christ is com-ing! let cre - a - tion from her groans and an - guish cease;
 2 Though once cra-dled in a mang-er, oft no pil - low but the sod,
 3 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your bit - ter cross and pain;
 4 With that bless-ed hope be - fore us, let no harp re - main un - strung;

let the glo-rious proc - la - ma - tion hope re - store and faith in-crease:
 here an a - lien and a strang-er, mocked of man, and bruised of God:
 it shall yet be - hold your glo - ry, Lord, when you come back to reign:
 let the might-y ad - vent cho - rus on - ward roll from tongue to tongue:

Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Come, O bless-ed Prince of Peace.
 all cre - a - tion, all cre - a - tion yet shall own your king - ly rod.
 Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.
 Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Come, Lord Je - sus, quick-ly come!

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