Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

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Isaih 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind;
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispel with glorious splendour The darkness everywhere; True man, yet very God, From sin and death now save us, And share our every load. O Saviour, Child of Mary, Who felt our human woe; O Saviour, King of Glory, Who dost our weakness know, Bring us at length we pray To the bright courts of heaven And to the endless day.