## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Setting by Michael Praetorius, 1609 (Cologne, 1599)



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 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, From tender stem hath sprung, Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung! It came a Flow'ret bright Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

- 2. Isaiah had fortold 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 us a Savior
  When half spent was the night.
- 3. This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender, With sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere.
  True Man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us And lightens ev'ry load.