

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

(Lyrics date from the 9th Century)

Veni, O Sapientia,
quae hic disponis omnia,
veni, viam prudentiae
ut doceas et gloriae.

*O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.*

Veni, veni, O Adonaï,
qui populo in Sinai
legem dedisti vertice
in maiestate gloriae.

*O come, o come, Thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.*

Veni, O lesse virgula (Radix),
ex hostis tuos ungula,
de spectu tuos tartari
educ et antro barathri.

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
from ev'ry foe deliver them
that trust Thy mighty power to save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.*

Veni, Clavis Davidica,
regna reclude caelica,
fac iter tutum superum,
et claude vias inferum.

*O come, Thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
that we no more have cause to sigh.*

Veni, veni O Oriens,
solare nos adveniens,
noctis depelle nebulas,
dirasque mortis tenebras.

*O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.*

Veni, veni, Rex Gentium,
veni, Redemptor omnium,
ut salvas tuos famulos
peccati sibi conscios.

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid every strife and quarrel cease,
and fill the world with heaven's peace.*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel
captivum solve Israel,
qui gemit in exilio,
privatus Dei Filio.

*O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Gaudet Gaudet Emmanuel
nascetur pro te Israel

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel*