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1. O come, O come, Immanuel,  
   and ransom captive Israel,  
   that mourns in lowly exile here  
   until the Son of God appear.
2. Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
   shall come to you, O Israel!
3. come, O 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.
4. come, O bright and morning star,  
   and bring us comfort from afar!  
   Dispel the shadows of the night,  
   and turn our darkness into light.
5. come, Desire of Nations, bind  
   all peoples in one heart and mind;  
   bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
   fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

TEXT: Latin, 9th cent. Composite tr.

TUNE: Gregorian Plain Song, Mode I. Arr. Thomas Helmore (1854)

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