

# O come, O come, Emanuel

*Melody: Christoph Bernhard Verspoell (1810)*  
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til the son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Em -

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ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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2. O come, thou rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny.  
From depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
3. O come, thou day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
4. O come, thou key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home!  
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times did'st gave the law, in cloud, and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Embellished version ad libitum

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4. O come, thou key of Da - vid come, and o - pen wide our

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hea - ven - ly home! And  
 hea - ven - ly home! Make safe the way that leads on high, and  
 heaven - ly home! Make safe the way that leads on high.

close the path to mi - se - ry. Re - joice! Em -  
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