O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Lord himself shall give you a sign; shall... bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:21-23
I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. Hag. 2:7

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel to God the King.
2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily;
3. O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's stem, Unto Thine own and rescue them!
4. O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home;
5. O come, Thou Bright and Morning Star, And bring us comfort from afar!
6. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;

That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in its ways to go.
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave.
Make safe for us the heav'nward road, And bar the way to death's abode.
Dispel the shadows of the night And turn our darkness into light.
Bid all our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.