

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

The text to this Advent song is 9th c.; the music is 15th c. French. The lyrics reflect the "O Antiphons" of

Vespers of December 17-23 (inclusive), which are used also, in shorted form, in the Alleluia verses before the days' Gospel readings.

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

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

Gaude, gaude, Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.

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

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.

Gaude, gaude, Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.

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

Veni, veni, Adonai,
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.

Gaude, gaude Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.

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

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

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

Gaude, gaude Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.

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

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.

Gaude, gaude Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te Israel.

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

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 shadow put to flight.

Gaude, gaude Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te Israel.

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

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

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

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Nascetur pro te Israel.

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