

Christmas Song

Traditional

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1. Once a-gain, O bless-ed time, Thank-ful hearts em-brace thee;

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If we lost thy fes-tal chime, What could e'er re-place thee? What could

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e'er re-place thee? Change will dark-en ma-ny a day,

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Many a bond dis-sev-er; Many a joy shall pass a-way,

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But the "Great Joy" nev - er! But the "Great Joy" nev-

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| <p>2. Once again the Holy Night
Breathes its blessing tender;
Once again the Manger Light
Sheds its gentle splendour;
O could tongues by Angels taught
Speak our exultation
In the Virgin's Child that brought
All mankind Salvation?</p> | <p>4. Yea, if others stand apart,
We will press the nearer:
Yea, O best fraternal Heart,
We will hold Thee dearer;
Faithful lips shall answer thus
To all faithless scorning,
"JESUS CHRIST is GOD with us,
Born on Christmas morning."</p> |
| <p>3. Welcome Thou to souls athirst,
Fount of endless pleasure;
Gates of Hell may do their worst,
While we clasp our Treasure:
Welcome, though an age like this
Puts Thy Name on trial,
And the Truth that makes our bliss
Pleads against denial!</p> | <p>5. So we yield Thee all we can,
Worship, thanks, and blessing;
Thee true GOD, and Thee true Man,
On our knees confessing;
While Thy Birthday morn we greet
With our best devotion,
Bathe us, O most true and sweet!
In Thy mercy's ocean.</p> |
| <p>6. Thou that once, 'mid stable cold,
Wast in babe-clothes lying,
Thou whose Altar-veils enfold,
Power and Life undying,
Thou whose Love bestows a worth
On each poor endeavour,
Have Thou joy of this Thy Birth
In our praise for ever.</p> | |