

## Hymns for our Advent Podcast

**O come, O come Emmanuel,**  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.  
Refrain

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.  
Refrain

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.  
Refrain

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Refrain *sung by St Martin's*  
*Voices*

**Hills of the North, rejoice,**  
echoing songs arise,  
hail with united voice  
him who made earth and skies;  
he comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
in Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
the God whom you have longed to  
know  
in Christ draws near, and calls you  
now.

Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the sons of earth be blest.  
*sung by St Martin's Voices*

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,**  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

*(sung by the Benedictine Nuns)*

**This is the truth sent from above,**  
The truth of God, the God of love:  
Therefore don't turn me from your  
door,  
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create,  
The next thing which to you I'll tell,  
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose,  
And so a promise soon did run,

That he would redeem us by his Son.

And at this season of the year  
Our blest Redeemer did appear,  
And here did live, and here did preach,  
and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,  
To show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way,  
Be pleased to hear what he did say:  
*sung by St Martin's Voices*

**Gaudete, gaudete, Christus est natus**  
Ex Maria virgine, gaudete  
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Ex Maria virgine, gaudete

Tempus adest gratiae, hoc quod  
optabamus  
Carmina laetitiae devote redamus  
Gaudete, gaudete, Christus est natus

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Gaudete, gaudete, Christus est natus  
Ex Maria virgine, gaudete

Deus homo factus est natura mirante  
Mundus renovatus est a Christo  
regnante

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Ezechielis porta clausa per transitur  
Unde lux est orta salus invenitur

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Ergo nostra cantio psallat iam in lustro  
Benedicat domino salus regi nostro

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Gaudete, gaudete, Christus est natus  
Ex Maria virgine, Gaudete  
**Steeleye Span**

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary  
Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary*

*The time of Grace has come, which we  
have waited for*

*Let us devotedly render Him joyful songs*

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary x2*

*God has become Man, and Nature is  
astounded  
The world has been renewed by the  
reigning Christ*

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary x2*

*The closed gate of Hezechiel has been  
crossed  
From there the Light has risen, Salvation  
has come in*

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary x2*

*Therefore, our congregation, praise Him  
in brightness!  
Bless the Lord! Greeting to our King!*

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary  
Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary  
**Steeleye Span***