



O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Lyrics translated from Latin

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Version I

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.

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

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light!

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

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.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

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

Version II

O come, O come Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear son,

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

O come, thou branch of Jesse! Draw
The quarry from the lion's claw,
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.

O come, O come, thou dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light,
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O come, thou lord of David's key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenwood road,
And bar the way to death's abode.

O come, o come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty,
From that high mountain clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the elder law.

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