

# Hymn for Christmas-day

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According to the 1828 Webster's Dictionary, a 'welkin' is: "the visible regions of the air; the vault of heaven. This is obsolete, unless in poetry." Notice that in 1828 it was already considered an obsolete word!

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| <p>1. Hark how all the welkin rings,<br/>"Glory to the King of kings,<br/>Peace on Earth, and mercy mild,<br/>God and sinners reconciled!"</p> <p>2. Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br/>Join the triumph of the skies;<br/>Universal Nature, say,<br/>"Christ the Lord is born to-day!"</p> <p>3. Christ, by highest heaven adored,<br/>Christ, the everlasting Lord,<br/>Late in time behold him come,<br/>Offspring of a virgin's womb.</p> <p>4. Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see,<br/>Hail the 'Incarnate Deity!<br/>Pleased as man with men to' appear<br/>Jesus, our Immanuel here!</p> <p>5. Hail the heavenly Prince of Peace!<br/>Hail the Sun of Righteousness!<br/>Light and life to all he brings,<br/>Risen with healing in His wings.</p> | <p>6. Mild He lays His glory by,<br/>Born - that man no more may die,<br/>Born - to raise the sons of earth,<br/>Born - to give them second birth.</p> <p>7. Come, Desire of Nations, come,<br/>Fix in us Thy humble home;<br/>Rise, the woman's conquering seed,<br/>Bruise in us the serpent's head.</p> <p>8. Now display Thy saving power,<br/>Ruin'd nature now restore;<br/>Now in mystic union join<br/>Thine to ours, and our to Thine.</p> <p>9. Adam's likeness, Lord, efface,<br/>Stamp Thy image in its place;<br/>Second Adam from above,<br/>Reinstate us in Thy love.</p> <p>10. Let us Thee, though lost, regain,<br/>Thee, the Life, the Inner Man:<br/>O! to all Thyself impart,<br/>Form'd in each believing heart.</p> |
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