

Savior of the Nations, Come-ELW 263

- 1 Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:
God has chosen such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
but the mystic Breath of God,
was the Word of God made flesh,
fruit of woman, blossom fresh.
- 3 Wondrous birth—oh, wondrous child—
from his throne, a virgin mild!
Very God, and Mary's son,
eager now his race to run!
- 4 From God's heart the Savior speeds,
back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death's command,
back to reign at God's right hand.
- 5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.
- 6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

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O Splendor of God's Glory Bright-ELW 436

- 1 O Splendor of God's glory bright,
O living Spring of light from light:
come, very Sun of truth and love;
come with your radiance from above.
- 2 Teach us to love with all our might;
drive envy out, remove all spite;
turn to the good each troubling care,
and give us grace your name to bear.
- 3 As dawn speeds on across the sky,
true Dawn, with haste come from on high.
O Word, through whom light came to be,
come in your pow'r and set us free.
- 4 All glory be to God Most High;
to God the Son let praises rise;
the Spirit blest let us adore

forever and forevermore. Amen.

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