

Christ is born, exalt his Name

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Christ from heaven! His love proclaim!
Christ on earth! for us he came!
Sing to the Lord, O world, with exultation;
break forth in glad thanksgiving every nation,
for he hath triumphed gloriously!

Man, in God's own image made,
man, by Satan's wiles betrayed,
man, on whom corruption preyed,
shut out from hope of life and of salvation,
today Christ maketh him a new creation,
for he hath triumphed gloriously!

For the Maker, when his foe
wrought the creature death and woe,
bowed the heavens and came below,
and in the Virgin's womb his dwelling making,
became true man! Man's very nature taking,
for he hath triumphed gloriously!

He, the Wisdom, Word, and Might!
God, and Son, and Light of Light!
Undiscovered by the sight
of earthly monarch or infernal spirit,
incarnate was that we should heaven inherit,
for he hath triumphed gloriously.

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