

# Hymn Lyrics

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## The Lord and King of all things

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but yesterday was born;  
and Stephen's glorious offering  
his birth-tide shall adorn:  
no pearls of orient splendor,  
no jewels can he show;  
but with his own true heart's blood  
his shining vestments glow.

Come, ye that love the martyrs,  
and pluck the flowers of song,  
and weave them in a garland,  
for this our suppliant throng;  
and cry, "O thou that shinest  
in grace's brightest ray,  
Christ's valiant protomartyr,  
for peace and favor pray!"

Thou first of all confessors,  
of all the deacons crown,  
of every following athlete,  
the glory and renown:  
make supplication, standing  
before Christ's royal throne,  
that he would give the kingdom,  
and for our sins atone!