

Nations That Long in Darkness Walked
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Nations that long in darkness walked
Have now beheld a glorious light;
On them who dwell in shades of death
The light hath shined heav'nly bright.

For lo! the virgin's child is born;
To us the Son of God is giv'n.
Upon His shoulders shall be laid
The government of earth and Heav'n.

His name is called wonderful,
The counselor, the mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace,
Peace dearly purchased with His blood.

His government shall know no bounds,
But far and wide o'er all extend;
And happy peace, the glorious fruits
Of His just reign, shall know no end.

O'er David's kingdom, on His throne
To rule, and 'stablish it secure
With judgment clear, and justice right;
His reign forever shall endure.