

The Glory of These Forty Days

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The glory of these forty days  
We celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, by whom all things were made,  
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw  
The loving God who gave the law;  
And to Elijah, fasting, came  
The steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
Delivered from the lions' might;  
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
The herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be  
Full oft in fast and prayer with Thee;  
Our spirits strengthen with Thy grace,  
And give us joy to see Thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
To thee be every prayer addressed,  
Who art in threefold name adored,  
From age to age, the only Lord.