

The Lands That Long in Darkness Lay
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The lands that long in darkness lay
Now have beheld a heav'nly light;
Nations that sat in death's cold shade
Are blessed with beams divinely bright.

The virgin's promised Son is born,
Behold th'expected Child appear:
What shall His names or titles be?
"The Wonderful, the Counsellor."

This infant is the mighty God,
Come to be suckled and adored;
Th'eternal Father, Prince of Peace,
The Son of David, and his Lord.

The government of earth and seas
Upon His shoulders shall be laid;
His wide dominions still increase,
And honors to His Name be paid.

Jesus, the holy Child, shall sit
High on His father David's throne;
Shall crush His foes beneath His feet,