

# Hymn Lyrics

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## The great forerunner of the morn

The great forerunner of the morn,  
the herald of the Word, is born;  
and faithful hearts shall never fail  
with thanks and praise his light to hail.

With heavenly message Gabriel came,  
that John should be the herald's name,  
and with prophetic utterance told  
his actions great and manifold.

John, still unborn, yet gave aright  
his witness to the coming light;  
and Christ, the Sun of all the earth,  
fulfilled that witness at his birth.

Of woman born shall never be  
a greater prophet than was he,  
whose mighty deeds exalt his fame  
to greater than a prophet's name.

All praise to God the Father be,  
all praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whom with the Spirit we adore  
for ever and for evermore.