

Joy Fills Our Inmost Hearts Today!

William Dix, ca. 1865.

Samuel Smith(1821-1917)

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The royal Child is born:

And angel hosts in glad array

His advent keep this morn.

Rejoice, rejoice! Th'incarnate Word

Has come on earth to dwell;

No sweeter sound than this is heard

Emmanuel!

Low at the cradle throne we bend,

We wonder and adore;

And feel no bliss can ours transcend,

No joy was sweet before.

Refrain

For us the world must lose its charms

Before the manger shrine,

When, folded in Thy mother's arms,

We see Thee, Babe divine.

Refrain

Thou Light of uncreated Light,

Shine on us, holy Child;

That we may keep Thy birthday bright,

With service undefiled.

Refrain