

The Only Son from Heaven  
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The only Son from Heaven,  
Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God, the Father, given,  
In human shape appears;  
No sphere His light confining,  
No star so brightly shining  
As He, our morning star.

O time of God appointed,  
O bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the king anointed,  
The Christ, the virgin born;  
His home on earth He maketh,  
And man of Heaven partaketh,  
Of life again an heir.

O Lord, our hearts awaken  
To know and love Thee more,  
In faith to stand unshaken,  
In spirit to adore,  
That we still heavenward hasting,  
Yet here Thy joy foretasting,  
May reap its fullness there.