

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
**Hope** of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear **Desire** of every nation,  
**Joy** of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a Child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## Benedictus (Luke 1:67-79)

68 Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people.  
69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David  
70 (as He said through His holy prophets of long ago),  
71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—  
72 to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant,  
73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him without fear  
75 in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.  
76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him,  
77 to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,  
78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from Heaven  
79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.