

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free!
From our fears and sins release us;
in your heart our rest shall be.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all you shall impart;
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.
3. Born your people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever,
now your gracious kingdom bring.
4. By your own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.

Lyrics: 87.87; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, in his "Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord", 1744.