

Holy Light on Earth's Horizon

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1. Holy light on earth's horizon,
hope to all the fallen bring;
light amid a world of shadows,
dawn of God's redemption, sing.

2. Chosen from eternal ages,
you alone of all our race,
by your Son's atoning merits
were conceived in perfect grace.

3. Mother of the world's Redeemer,
promised from the dawn of time:
how could one so highly favoured
share the guilt of Adam's crime?

4. Sun and moon and stars adorn you,
sinless Eve, triumphant sign;
you are she who crushed the serpent,
Mary, pledge of life divine.

5. Earth below and highest heaven
praise the splendour of your state,
you who now are crowned in glory
were conceived immaculate.

6. Hail, beloved of the Father,
mother of his only Son,
mystic bride of Love eternal,
hail, most fair and spotless one!

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Music: STUTTGART; Christian Friedrich Witt's "Psalmodia Sacra", Gotha, 1715; adapted by Henry John Gauntlett, 1805-1876, in "Hymns Ancient and Modern", 1861.