



## Savior of the Nations, Come

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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,

That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

- 5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.
- 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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## “Savior of the Nations, Come”

The opening verse begins with a plea for a savior of all nations to come to earth and save people from their sins. Jesus leaves his perfect heavenly home and takes on the limitations of human flesh in a sinful world. It was a choice on Jesus' part to fulfill the plan of salvation for the whole world.

The third person of the Trinity comes to the fore in verse 2. It is the Holy Spirit, by whom Jesus was conceived.

Verse 3 explains the role that Mary played. God did not choose some rich and famous lady to be the mother of Jesus. Mary was a teenaged, unmarried girl. It is within Mary that God was present on his throne.

Verse 4 reminds us of what Jesus gave up. It shows what a heroic course Jesus took to come and save us.

Verse 5 details Jesus' journey from heaven to his suffering, death, and resurrection, including a visit to proclaim victory over evil angels. When his earthly ministry was complete, Jesus returned to his heavenly home.

Verse 6 speaks of his mighty healing acts for all of ills of our flesh and our soul. He still is with us in the midst of all that ails us, as well as continually strengthening our faith so that our soul is well.

Verse 7 reminds us how the sky lit up as the angels' praise rang out on the night Jesus was born. He is our light as well, as he gives us his Word to lead us on our daily journey.

We join Simeon's song, “My eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel,” as we sing a doxology in verse 8.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank you for making such intricate plans to save us from our sins. Thank you for using just the right people at the right time to carry out your perfect plan of salvation. Amen.