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King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood;

Rank on rank the host of heaven, Spreads its van-guard on the way;

At His feet the six wing-ed seraph, Cher - u - bim with sleep-less hand. Christ our God to earth de - scend - - eth. Our full hom-age blood. He will give to all the faith - - - full His own self for day, That the pow'rs of hell may van - - - ish As the dark-ness cry, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - - - ia. Al - le - lu - ia to de - mand.

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