O Come, let vs lift our voyce

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2. Yea, let us come before his face, to give him thanks and praise: In singing Psalms unto his grace, let us be glad always.

3. For why? the Lord he is no doubt a great and mighty God: I King above all Gods throughout in all the world abroad. 4. The secrets of the earth so deep, and corners of the Land, The tops of hills that are so steep he hath them in his hand.

5. The sea and waters all are his for he the same hath wrought: The earth, and all that therein is his hand hath made of nought. 6. Come, let us bow and praise the Lord before him let us fall: And kneel to him with one accord, the which hath made us all.

7. For why ? he is the Lord our God, for us he doth provide: We are his flock, he doth us feed, his sheep, and he our guide. 8. Today if ye his voice will hear, then harden not your heart As ye with grudging many a year provoke me in desert.

9. Whereas your fathers tempted me, my power for to prove: My wondrous works when they did see, yet still they would me move. 10. Twice twenty years they did me grieve; and I to them did say, They err in heart and not believe, they have not known my way.

11. Wherefore I sware when that my wrath was kindled in my breast That they should never tread the path, nor enter in my rest.