The Crossroads

The melody of this carol is shared with that of “Cantique de Noël” by the Frenchman Adolphe-Charles Adam with lyrics from the poem “Minuit, chrétiens” by Placide Cappeau. In 1855, it was translated to English as “O Holy Night” by the American Unitarian minister, John Sullivan Dwight. This setting is inspired by the composer’s original harmonies.

Composed by Adolphe-Charles Adam, 1847
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Humble we be, our hearts and spirits thankful
to God for Life and our Earth loved anew!
Bravely we learn ourselves to be more truthful,
and learn to labor with effort long due.
For Earth we work to sow such Good as needed
and only take small part of what we seeded!

Rise with the Sun! Light shines upon the Crossroads!
A new day has dawned; hope renewed awakens strong!
Now brave, this road we take on, now brave, this road we take on!

3. Kneel, touch the ground! Look round, we’re at the Cross-roads! The choice we must
make,_ for the right - teous road to take! All
make,_ for all Life,____ and com-mon fate! God’s
Earth’s life a-waits,____ all Earth’s life a-waits! God’s love we’ll not for-sake,____ God’s love we’ll not for-sake!

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