O Jesu, Light of all below

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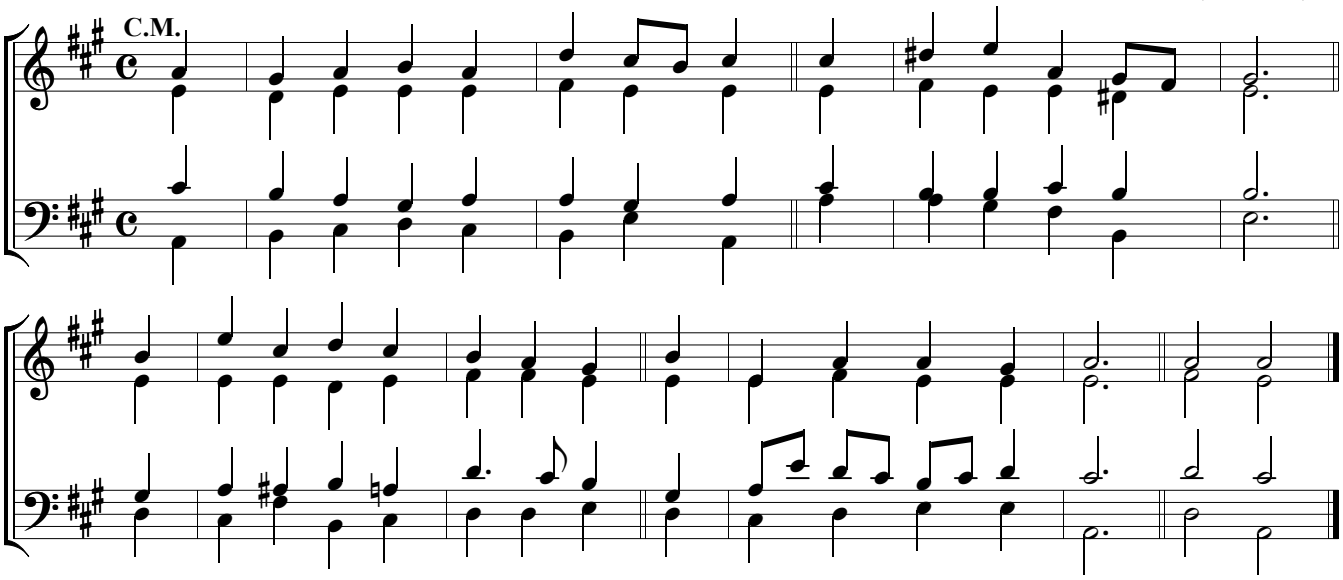
1. O Jesu, Light of all below
Thou fount of living fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
And all we can desire!

2. When once Thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.

3. O Jesu Saviour, hear the sighs
Which unto Thee we send;
To Thee our inmost spirit cries,
To Thee our prayers ascend.

4. Abide with us, and let Thy light
Shine, Lord, on every heart;
Dispel the darkness of our night,
And joy to all impart.

5. O Jesu, King of earth and heaven,
Our life and joy! To Thee
Be honour, thanks and blessing given
Through all eternity!