Gabriel’s message does away
Satan’s curse and Satan’s sway,
out of darkness brings our Day:
(Refrain:) so, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

He that comes despised shall reign;
he that cannot die, be slain;
death by death its death shall gain: (Refrain)

Weakness shall the strong confound;
by the hands, in grave clothes wound,
Adam’s chains shall be unbound: (Refrain)

Art by art shall be assailed;
to the cross shall Life be nailed;
from the grave shall hope be hailed: (Refrain)

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