

Here are the words to “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

There are 7 verses, but we sing just one verse when we light the Advent wreath each night.

During the *Holy Heroes Advent Adventure*, we’ll explain the meaning of what are commonly called the “O Antiphons” which make up the first lines of each verse.

O Come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, o come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust Thy mighty power to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home,
Make safe the way that leads on high,
That we no more have cause to sigh.

Refrain

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid every strife and quarrel cease
And fill the world with heaven's peace.

Refrain