

Of the Father's love begotten

13th Cent Plainsong Melody

Code Natus
(Divinum Mysterium)
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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a plainsong style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, often beamed together. The accompaniment in the bass clef provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

The second system continues the musical notation from the first system, covering measures 9 through 16. It maintains the same 3/4 time signature and key signature, featuring the same plainsong melody and accompaniment.

The third system of musical notation covers measures 17 through 24. It continues the plainsong melody and accompaniment established in the previous systems.

The fourth and final system of musical notation covers measures 25 through 32. It concludes the hymn with the same plainsong melody and accompaniment.

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

At His Word the worlds were framèd; He commanded; it was done:
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;
All that grows beneath the shining
Of the moon and burning sun, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessèd, when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert sing, evermore and evermore!

This is He Whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord;
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long expected,
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

Aurelius Prudentius (348-413)