

Advent hymns which speak to the Light, which overcomes the darkness.

From Veni, Veni, Emmanuel:

*O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh:
Disperse the gloomy cloud of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee O Israel.*

From the German Hymn Wachet auf:

*Wake, awake, for night is flying;
The watchmen on the heights are crying:
Awake, Jerusalem, at last!
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices;
Come forth, ye virgins, night is past;
The Bridegroom comes, awake;
Your lamps with gladness take;
Alleluia! And for His marriage feast prepare
For ye must go and meet Him there.*

From Conditor Alme Siderum

*Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light
Oh Christ, thou savior of us all,
We pray thee hear us when we call*

From Vox Clara ecce intonat:

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say,
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."
Wakened by the solemn warning
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.*

From the Liturgy of St. James, 4th Century (Σιγησάτο παρα σάοξ βροτεία):

*Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.*

From Veni Redemptor Gentium:

*Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene*

