

A Great and Mighty Wonder

CHRISTMAS

Words: Germanus of Constantinople (634-734). Translated by John Mason Neale, 1862.
 Music: 'Es Ist Ein Ros Entsprungen (Rhythmic)' German from Köln, 1599. Setting: Michael Praetorius, 1609.
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♩ = 100

1. A great and might - y won - der, a full and ho - - ly cure:
 2. The Word be - comes in - car - nate and yet re - - mains on high,
 3. While thus they sing your Mon - arch, those bright an - - gel - - ic bands,
 4. Since all He comes to ran - som, by all be He a - dored,
 5. And id - ol forms shall per - ish, and er - ror shall de - cay,

The vir - gin bears the In - fant with vir - gin hon - - or pure!
 And cher - u - bim sing an - thems to shep - herds from the sky.
 Re - joice, ye vales and moun - tains, ye oc - eans, clap your hands.
 The In - fant born in Beth - l'em, the Sa - vior and the Lord.
 And Christ shall wield His scep - ter, our Lord and God for aye.

Re - peat the hymn a - gain: "To God on high be glo - ry And peace on earth to men!"