Of The Father’s Love Begotten

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1. Of the Father’s love begotten
   Ere the worlds began

2. At His Word they were created;
   He commanded; it

3. He is found in human fashion,
   Death and sorrow here

4. Oh that birth forever blessed!
   When the virgin, full

5. O ye heights of heav’n adore Him;
   Angel hosts, His praise

6. He is Alpha and Omega,
   He the source, the

7. Heav’n and earth and depths of ocean
   In their threefold

8. To know, That the race of Adam’s children,
   Doomed by law to

9. Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him,
   And exalt our

10. Of the things that are, that have been,
    And that

11. All that grows beneath the shining
    Of the

12. May not henceforth die and perish
    In the

13. And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer,
    First re-

14. Let no tongue on earth be silent,
    Every


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6. He is here, Whom seers in old time Chanted of, while ages ran;
   Whom the writings of the prophets Promised since the world began:
   Then foretold, now manifested, to receive the praise of man,
   Evermore and evermore!

7. Righteous Judge of souls departed, Righteous King of them that live,
   On the Father’s throne exalted None in might with Thee may strive;
   Who at last in vengeance coming Sinners from Thy face shalt drive,
   Evermore and evermore!

8. Thee let old men, Thee let young men, Thee let choirs of infants sing;
   Thee the matrons and the virgins, And the children answering:
   Let their guileless songs re-echo, And the heart its music bring,
   Evermore and evermore!

9. 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!