Fairest Lord Jesus

(Crusader's Hymn)



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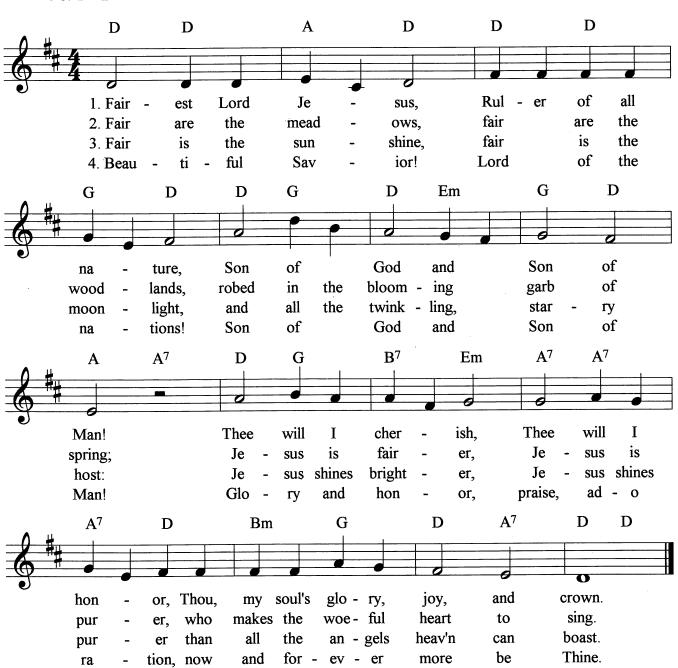
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Music by GERMAN FOLK SONG

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"Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth--

Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory." Isaiah 43:6b-7

Greated for His Glory

o you know why God created the world? God created the world to display His glory. That means His wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth are represented by all the things He created. This is why God made us. But He made us special. Part of God's glory is his never ending joy. So God created us especially to share in the joy and happiness He has in being God. Joy needs to be expressed. You know that when you have joyful news, you almost burst with excitement until you can share it. The Father and the Son have such a joy in each other, that they wanted to share that joy with others by showing them how wonderful God is. So God made us to know Him and love Him. We would always be happy, and never ever be sad. We would never be bored, but enjoy everything that we do, because we would have our fullest happiness in knowing and loving God in all His greatness.

But shortly after God created the world, mankind sinned against Him. Because we were created by God, we belong to Him. We must live the way He wants us to live. We are to always do what God wants us to do. However, when we sinned, we disobeyed God. We did not do what God wanted us to do, and we did things God did not want us to do. Why did we do this? We tried to find our joy and happiness in other things. This was a way of telling God that He was not important to us. And that was the most terrible thing about sin. It was like wanting all of the King's gifts, without wanting the King. However, life didn't get better when we tried to find our happiness in other things rather than in God. Lots of bad things happened instead. Life became scary and sad. We fought a lot and made each other mad. We thought we needed more and more things to make us happy, and none of them completely satisfied us. And sickness and death came into the world. But rather than leave us like this, God did something very special. God loves His never-ending joy and happiness so much, and He loves us so much, that He couldn't stand the thought of us not sharing in His joy. So, the Father sent His Son to come to earth, become one of us, take away the punishment for our sins, and restore our relationship with God the Father, so that we could once again share in all His wonderful joy. This is the story of Christmas!

Sing We Now Of Christmas



(Noel Nouvelet)

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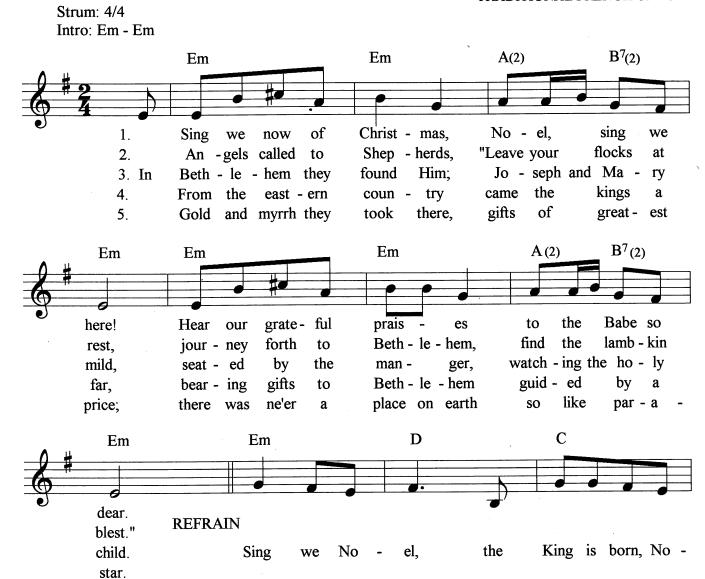
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