Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung; of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

3 It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.

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