1 The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light;
2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come,
3 To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for evermore adored,
5 His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
2 joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.
3 him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.
4 the Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty God and Lord.
5 justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

A fauxbourdon setting, 709. Alternative tune: Perry, 125.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7
Music: Dundee, melody The CL Psalms of David, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.
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Descant

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great

O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory

With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate

With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great

O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy

vision's mystery; for which in joyful

that the Church may share, which Christ upon the

Lord holds converse high; and from the cloud, the

manifest today what glory shall be

vision's mystery; for which in joyful

Spirit, ever One, vouchsafe to bring us
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
2 Holy One bears record to the only Son.
3 theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5 by thy grace to see thy glory face to face.


Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.