Of the Father’s Love Begotten

Verses 1–4, Corde natus ex parentis
Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413
Verse 5, Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

VERSE 1: Freely

1. Of the Father’s love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
And that future years shall see, Ever more and ever more.

VERSE 2: Slowly (in tempo)

2. Blessed was the day for ever When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the child, the world’s Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face,
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VERSES 3, 4

3. This is he whom seers in old time
4. O ye heights of heav’n, adore him;
   Chant-ed of with one accord,
   An-gel hosts, his prais-es sing;

3. Whom the voices of the prophets
4. All dom-i-nions, bow fore him,
   Promised in their faith-ful
   And ex-tol our God and

3. word;
4. King;
   Now he shines, the long-expect
   Let no tongue on earth be si-

3. Let crea-tion praise the Lord,
4. Ev-ery voice in concert ring,
   Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
   Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

VERSE 5

5. Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther,
5. Glo-ry be to God the Son,
   Glo-ry be to God the Son,
   Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spir-it,
   Persons three, yet God head one.

5. Glo-ry be from all crea-tion
5. Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
   While e-ter-nal a-ges run,
   While e-ter-nal a-ges run,
   Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
   Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.