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Come, Lord of Glory, everlasting light;  
Shatter the darkness; pierce our hardened hearts.  
Hear now your people as we call your name:  
Come, Lord of Glory, shine forevermore.

Come, Star of Wisdom, beautiful and bright,  
Lead us and teach us, guide us on our way.  
Waiting in hope and trusting you, we pray:  
Come, Star of Wisdom, shine forevermore.

Come, Light of Gladness, radiant beam of joy;  
Kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Longing for you, unceasingly we cry:  
Come, Light of Gladness, shine forevermore.

Come, Sun of Justice, heaven's gleaming ray;  
Burn in our hearts; illuminate our lives.  
Gathered as one, expectantly we sing:  
Come, Sun of Justice, shine forevermore.

To you, the Father, glory and all praise,  
To you, the Son, all honor and acclaim,  
To you, the Spirit, hymns and songs we raise,  
God of all ages, now and evermore.

Note: This Advent hymn text was written as part of an Individual Learning Project entitled “Praise, Petition, and Poetry: Composing Effective Liturgical Texts.” The text was written for the hymn tune Toulon (“The Voice of God Goes Out Through All the World”).