

Dawning Light of our Salvation

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A D A
Long in darkness Israel wandered;
D A E
Long in mortal shadows, we
F#m D A
Walked in bondage and self-pity,
D A F#m
Trode in paths of sin and grief.
E D A
In the prophets' words He told us,
E D A
Long the God of Israel spoke;
E D A
He alone in strength would save us
F#m D A E
From the hands of all our foes.

D A
Every valley be exalted!
F#m E
Every mountain be made plane!
D A
Crooked ways repent and straighten;
F#m E D
All creation bend in praise!

He shall raise a mighty Savior;
Born of David's lineage, He
Comes in cov'nant love to claim us
From our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness
Life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness,
To your pathways dawning peace!

Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior,
David's Son and yet his King,
Dawning light of our salvation,
Of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye
broken,
Know the Savior's healing grace;
Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing;
Turn, Oh blind, behold his face!