

O Light of Dawn, O Rosy Glow

Aurea luce et decore roseo

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attr. to Elpis, wife of Boethius (d. ca. 500)

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MACKILLOP (Long Metre)

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Descant

3 These are your princes, happy Rome! Their precious

1 O light of dawn, O rosy glow, O Light from
2 The heavens' porter, and earth's sage, The world's bright
3 These are your princes, happy Rome! Their precious

blood clothes you, their home. We praise not you, but praise their

Light, all ages show Your beauty, and the martyrs
lights who judge the age. One wins by cross, and one by
blood clothes you, their home. We praise not you, but praise their

worth, Beyond all beauty of the earth.

fame, That gain us pardon from our blame.
sword, And life on high is their reward.
worth, Beyond all beauty of the earth.

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4 Kind Shep-herd, Pe - ter, un - to thee was given The keys to close and

ope the gates of heaven; Strike from our souls the gall - ing chain of

crime, And gain the grace for which our hearts have striven. —

5 O learn-ed Paul, in - spire us from a - bove With all the grac - es

of the Heaven - ly Dove; Bring us the faith to see the truth of

God, And bright - en earth with the sweet reign of love. —

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7 Give glo - - - ry to the Tri - ni - ty And hon - - - or - - -

6 One love, one faith, twin ol - ive trees, One great strong
7 Give glo - ry to the Tri - ni - ty And hon - - - or

to the U - ni - ty, And joy and pow'r, for their reign

hope filled both of these. Full fonts, in your matched char - i - - -
to the U - ni - ty; And joy and pow'r for their reign - - -

stays To - day and through all end - - - less days.

ty, Pray that we may in heav - en be.
stays To - day and through all end - less days.

Note: Stanzas 4 & 5 are in 10.10.10.10 metre (not Long Metre), and may be either omitted or assigned to the choir alone. Also, the harmonization changes somewhat, commencing with stanza 5.