

ADVENT

1. 'Are you the one who is to come or must we wait?' the Baptist said.
And Jesus answered, 'Look, the dumb can speak. Behold the hungry fed.'
2. 'The blind eyes open wide to see,
the captive mind is lost no more,
the long-imprisoned heart is free,
the Good News broken for the poor.'
3. Lord, in your kingdom, first are blessed
the poor in spirit, then the meek,
the single-minded, the oppressed,
and those who peace and justice seek.
4. Father of boundless charity
and source of every human grace.
open our heavy eyes to see
your image in each troubled face.

—words: Kevin Nichols (1929–2006)
music: to the tune of 'On Jordan's Bank' ?

HOLY FAMILY

1. Saint in the shadows always out of sight,
Joseph, just and faithful, lead us to the light.
Saint of anxious caring, breadwinner and guide,
still be our guardian always at our side.
2. Bright flower of Juda, girl of Galilee,
Mother of our Saviour, star of the sea.
Mary the handmaid of God's Holy Word,
Keep our hearts faithful to your Son and Lord.
3. Sure Key of David opening every door,
King of the nations, born among the poor;
hidden in a stable, hope of Israel,
always stay with us, Lord Emmanuel.
4. Father, source of being, everlasting one;
Saviour and brother, sole-begotten Son.
Life-giving Spirit, Wind and Fire and Dove,
Praise to you always, Trinity of love.

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