

Thy Father's Dearest Joy

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O Word of God, e - ter - nal Son, Thy Fa - ther's dear - est joy,
 O Word of God, cre - a - tive Son, Thou didst pour out Thy love,
 O Word of God, long - suff - 'ring Son, Thy gift we did re - fuse;
 O Word of God, in - car - nate Son, Thou wouldst not let us go!
 O Word of God, in - dwell - ing Son, we glo - ri - fy Thy Name:

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Who shin - eth with Thy Fa - ther's love and doth His Spirit em - ploy,
 And worlds sprang in - to be - ing, filled with crea - tures from a - bove.
 We spurned Thy call and turned a - way, our na - ture to ab - use.
 In mer - cy in - ex - pres - si - ble Thou cam - est here be - low.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's gift, Who saved us from our shame.

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Thou art His per - fect im - age, His Glo - ry dost Thou bear,
 Then we the race of men Thou mad - est as Thy heart's de - sire,
 Thine im - age tar - nished in our hearts, we fled a - way in pride,
 A vir - gin maid and ti - ny babe Thine ad - vent did dis - close,
 We o - pen now our hearts to Thee, Thine i - mage to re - store,

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In Si - lence deep, be - yond all time, His God - head Thou — dost share.
 That in Thy im - age we might glow with su - per - nat - 'ral Fire.
 To plunge our - selves — 'neath pas sion's wave and death's — con - sum - ing tide.
 And from the hea - vens and earth a like a song of - joy — a - rose!
 And fol - low where — Thy feet have led, to Life — for - ev - er - more!

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Glo - ri - a, — glo - ri - a, — in ex - cel - sis De - o! — Oh, —

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glo - ri - a, — glo - ri - a, — in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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1-4 last time