O splendour of God’s glory bright Hymnal 1982 no. 5 Melody: Puer nobis nascitur L.M.

British spelling





O splendour of God’s glory bright,

O thou that bringest light from light,

O Light of Light, light’s living spring,

O Day, all days illumining,

O thou true Sun of heavenly love,

pour down thy radiance from above:

the Spirit’s sanctifying beam

upon our earthly senses stream.

With prayer the Father we implore:

O Father, glorious evermore,

we plead with thee for grace and power

to conquer in temptation’s hour,

to guide whate’er we nobly do,

with love all envy to subdue,

to give us grace our wrongs to bear,

to make ill fortune turn to fair.

All laud to God the Father be;

all praise, eternal Son, to thee;

all glory to the Spirit raise

in equal and unending praise.

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