

When Earth in Bondage Long had Lain

Text: Dr. Rippon

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains six numbered verses. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains two lines of lyrics, with the first line starting at measure 9. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and various note values and rests.

1. When Earth in bond - age long had lain, And dark ness o'er the na-tions reign'd,
2. A voice re-sound - ed from on high, Hark! Hark! it is the angel's cry,
3. He comes to show the gos pel plan In ful ness to the sons of man;
4. Tran - slat - ed by the po-wer of God, His voice bears re - cord to His word;
5. Re - stored the Priest-hood, long since lost, In truth and power as at the first;
6. Bap - tiz - ing those who did be lieve, That they the spi - rit might re - cieve

And all man's pre - cepts proved in vain, A per - fect sys - tem to ob - tain.
De - scend - ing from the throne of light, His gar - ments shin - ing clear and white.
Lo! from Cu - mor - ah's lone - ly hill, There comes a re - cord of God's will.
A - gain an an - gel did ap - pear, As wit - nes - ses do re - cord bear.
Thus men com - mis - sioned from on high, Came forth and did re - pent - ance cry.
In ful - ness as in days of old, And have one Shep - herd and one fold.

A per - fect sys - tem to ob - tain, A per - fect sys - tem to ob - tain.
His gar - ments shin - ing clear and white, His gar - ments shin - ing clear and white.
There comes a re - cord of God's will, There comes a re - cord of God's will.
As wit - nes - ses do re - cord bear, As wit - nes - ses do re - cord bear.
Came forth and did re - pent - ance cry, Came forth and did re - pent - ance cry.
And have one Shep - herd and one fold, And have one Shep - herd and one fold.

Source: Latter-Day Saints Psalmody, 1889 (no. 3)