

# AMNS 325 Of the Father's love begotten

Melody: Corde natus (Divinum Mysterium)

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Later form of plainsong melody,  
from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
2. At his word they were cre - a - ted; he com - mand - ed;  
3. O that birth for ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin,  
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel - hosts, his



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
it was done: heav'n and earth and depths of o - cean  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,



he the source, the end - ing he,  
in their three - fold or - der one;  
bare the Sa - viour of our race,  
and ex - tol our God and King:



of the things that are, that have been,  
all that grows be - neath the shi - ning  
and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er,  
let no tongue on earth be si - lent,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
of the light of moon and sun,  
first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,

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5. This is he whom seers and sa - ges sang of old with  
 6. Hail, thou Judge of souls de - part - ed! hail, thou King of  
 7. Now let old and young men's voi - ces join with boys' thy  
 8. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



one ac - cord; whom the wri - tings of the pro - phets  
 them that live! on the Fa - ther's throne ex - alt - ed  
 name to sing, ma - trons, vir - gins, lit - tle mai - dens  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



prom - ised in their faith - ful word;  
 none in might with thee may strive;  
 in glad cho - rus an - swer - ing;  
 and un - wear - ied prais - es be,



now he shines, the long - ex - pec - ted:  
 who at last in judge - ment com - ing  
 let their guile - less songs re - echo,  
 hon - our, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,



let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 sin - ners from thy face shalt drive,  
 and the heart its prais - es bring,  
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,