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# When God of old came down from heaven

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1 When God of old came down from heaven,  
In power and wrath he came'  
Before His feet the clouds were riven,  
Half darkness and half flame;

2 But when He came the second time,  
He came in power and love;  
softer than gale at morning prime  
Hover'd His holy Dove.

3 The fires that rush'd on Sinai down  
In sudden torrents dread,  
Now gently light, a glorious crown,  
On every sainted head.

4 And as on Israel's awe-struck ear  
The voice exceeding loud,  
The trump, that angels quake to hear,  
Thrill'd from the deep dark cloud;

5 So, when the Spirit of our God  
Came down His flock to find,  
A voice from heaven was heard abroad,  
A rushing mighty wind.

6 It fills the Church of God; it fills  
The sinful world around;  
Only in stubborn hearts and wills  
No place for it is found.

7 Come Lord, come Wisdom, Love, and Power,  
Open our ears to hear;  
Let us not miss the accepted hour;  
Save, Lord, by love or fear.