

1. O Savior, Tear the Heavens Wide

O Heiland, reiß die Himmel auf

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Advent

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Sop. 1

Sop. 2

Alto

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- vens wide! come down from hea - ven to a -
 - ry vale a car - pet green on hill and
 - est Star, we long to see You from a -

$\frac{6}{4}$

wide! come down from hea - ven to a -
 vale a car - pet green on hill and
 Star, we long to see You from a -

come down from hea - ven to a - bide!
 a car - pet green on hill and dale,
 we long to see You from a - far!

*) With just a few of these settings the notation indicates the polyrhythmic independence of the individual voices. (H.D.)

[These parts have been rebarred for simplicity and the polyrhythms indicated by brackets. Ed.]

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bide! The gates of hea - ven tear a - way; break
dale, O earth, the sweet - est flower bring forth. O
far! O Sun, as - cend! With - out Your light, we

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down where locks and bars hold sway!
Sav - ior, from the earth spring forth!
all a - bide in dark - est night.

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2. O God, in heav'n - ly dew pour down,
4. Where are You, Com - fort - er div - ine,
6. On earth we suf - fer pain and strife,

— in heav'n - ly dew pour down, in dew, O
— You, Com - fort - er div - ine, to whom all
— we suf - fer pain and strife, and death ap -

heav'n - ly dew pour down, in dew, O Sav - ior
Com - fort - er di - vine, to whom all earth its
suf - - - fer pain and strife, and death ap - pears the

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in dew, O Sav - ior to us flow! O clouds, let
to whom all earth its hopes in - cline? O come, come
and death ap - pears the goal of life: but come and

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fall and bring in rain a and
down from us hea - - - ven's hall and
lead us by the hand from

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3/4

King o'er Ja - - - cob's house to reign!
com - fort us who on You call!
weep - ing to Your heav'n - ly land!

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