The passing of the holy apostle and evangelist John

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1. O come you now; with praises crown Saint John, loved by the Lord,
2. Saint John, the lyre of heaven, sang of Christ, our God and Lord,
3. Of Mary, faithful guardian, good pastor to his flock,
4. In days of autumn beauty, let our hymns of glory rise;

Whose Gospel thunders loudly: "In beginning was the Word!"
Who came to give abundant life; great praise let us afford!
Saint John inspires us each to cling to Christ, the mighty Rock.
With John and heaven's armies, we on earth now fill the skies:

From leaning on the Master's breast came wisdom so profound;
His letters preachour duty, God and neighbor both to love;
O Loving God, both One and Three, proclaimed in words of flame,
To God and Father, glory be! To Jesus, Lord and King;

His writings of the God-Man spread this truth the world a-round.
With in this teaching, let us aim from earth to heav'n above.
Let us be faithful as he taught, in praise of Your great Name!
To Spirit, who inspires us all: God's glory let us sing!

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