"Jesus Came, The Heavens Adoring" by Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903 From: The Lutheran Hymnal (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1941)

 Jesus came, the heavens adoring, Came with peace from realms on high; Jesus came for man's redemption, Lowly came on earth to die; Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.

2. Jesus comes again in mercyWhen our hearts are bowed with care;Jesus comes again in answerTo an earnest, heartfelt prayer;Alleluia! Alleluia!Comes to save us from despair.

3. Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiven; Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heaven. Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the gate of death is riven.

4. Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears; Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us, Glad's our hearts, and dries our tears; Alleluia! Alleluia! Cheering e'en our failing years.

5. Jesus comes on clouds triumphant When the heavens shall pass away; Jesus comes again in glory. Let us, then, our homage pay, Alleluia! ever singing Till the dawn of endless day.

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