Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming Hymnal 1982 no. 81 Melody: Es ist ein Ros 7 6. 7 6. 6 7 6.

British spelling



Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming

from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse’s lineage coming

as seers of old have sung.

It came, a blossom bright,

amid the cold of winter,

when half spent was the night.

Isaiah ’twas foretold it,

the Rose I have in mind,

with Mary we behold it,

the Virgin Mother kind.

To show God’s love aright,

she bore to us a Saviour,

when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender

with sweetness fills the air,

dispel in glorious splendour

the darkness everywhere;

true man, yet very God,

from sin and death now save us,

and share our every load.

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