

42 Of the Father's Love Begotten

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1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got - ten Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin, full of grace,



He is Al-pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end - ing he,
By the Ho - ly Ghost con-ceiv - ing, Bore the Sav - ior of our race,



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
And the babe, the world's re - deem - er, First revealed his sa - cred face,



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. (5) A - men.

3 This is he whom seers in old time
 Chanted of with one accord,
 Whom the voices of the prophets
 Promised in their faithful word;
 Now he shines, the long-expected;
 Let creation praise its Lord
 Evermore and evermore.

4 Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
 Angel hosts his praises sing;
 Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him
 And extol our God and King;
 Let no tongue on earth be silent,
 Ev'ry voice in concert ring
 Evermore and evermore.

5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
 And unwearied praises be:
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory
 Evermore and evermore!
 Amen

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