

The Great Forerunner

Words: The Venerable Bede (673–735); tr. John Mason Neale
Music: Ut queant laxis, 12th century
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Dm C Dm C

The great fore - run - - - - -
With heaven - ly mes - - - - -
John, still un - born, - - - - -
His might - y deeds - - - - -
To God the Fa - - - - -

ner sage yet ex - alt - - - -
of Ga gave ther, God - - - - -
the briel a - right - - - - -
morn, came, his his fame - - - -
the Son, the Son, - - - - -

Am C C F F Dm Dm

the her - - - - - ald of the Word, is born;
that John should be that her - - - - - ald's name,
his wit - - - - - ness to the com - - - - - ing light;
to great - - - - - er than a pro - - - - - phet's name;
and God the Spi - - - - - rit, Three in One,

C F Dm F F Am Am

and faith - - - - - ful hearts shall nev - - - - - er fail
and with pro - - - - - phet - ic ut - - - - - terance told
and Christ, the Sun of all the earth,
of wo - - - - - man born shall nev - - - - - er be
praise, hon - - - - - or, might, and glo - - - - - ry be

G Dm C Dm Dm

with thanks and praise his light to hail.
his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
a great - er pro - prophet than was he.
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.