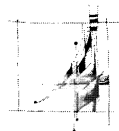


6 our heritage of song

C H A N T



The word *chant* might call to mind images of robed monks singing in sullen tones in a far-off land. But chant is considered the primary music of the Church, and it is a wonderful way for all of us to sing our praise to God! Most likely, at some point you have sung a piece of chant in Mass without even knowing it. Many churches chant the Kyrie, the Lord's Prayer, the Lamb of God, or many of the dialogues ("... forever and ever. Amen"). In some ways, chant is like speaking set

to music. While it is not metered, the words typically dictate the rhythm and phrasing of chant. This is one of the reasons chant is such a deep part of the Church's heritage of song: it allows the words of the prayers to guide the singing. Even as new types of music have been welcomed into the liturgy throughout the years, chant continues to hold a place of great honor in the Church. Chant is even found in modern compositions for the Church. The setting of "Creator of the Stars of Night" (*no. 8*) borrows the melody and text for its verses from the traditional chant "Creator alme siderum" (*no. 7*) and then adds an original refrain by its modern-day composer. TA

7 CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

Cre - á - tor al - me sí - de - rum, ae - tér - na lux cre -
 dén - ti - um, Je - su, Re - démp - tor ó - mni - um,
 in - tén - de vó - tis súp - pli - cum.

Text: *Creator alme siderum*, Latin 9th. C.
 Tune: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, LM: Mode IV

8 CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

Verses

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your
 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should
 3. When this old world drew on toward night, You
 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All
 5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re -
 6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And



peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light, O
 doom to death a u - ni - verse, You
 came; but not in splen - dor bright, Not
 knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All
 deem us for e - ter - nal day; De -
 God the Spir - it, Three in One, Praise,



Christ, Re - deem - er of us all, We
 came, O Sav - ior, to set free Your
 as a mon - arch, but the child Of
 things on earth with one ac - cord, Like
 fend us while we dwell be - low From
 hon - or, might, and glo - ry be From



pray you hear us when we call.
 own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
 Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
 those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 all as - saults of our dread foe.
 age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



Come, O Lord, and bring your light, O ra-diant



star, our hearts' de - light. O God-with-us, Em-man-u -



el, with your love, the dark dis - pel.

**Hymn may be sung without refrain.*