

THE GREAT FORERUNNER OF THE MORN

Capo 3: (G) (C) (D) (G) (C) (D) (Asus4) (A) (D)
 B♭ E♭ F B♭ E♭ F Csus4 C F

1. The great fore-run-ner of the morn, The her-ald of the Word, is born;
2. With heav'n-ly mes-sage Ga-briel came, That John should be that her-ald's name,
3. His might-y deeds ex-alt his fame To great-er than a proph-et's name;

(G) (Em) (Am) (D) (G) (C) (G) (Dsus4) (D) (G)
 B♭ Gm Cm F B♭ E♭ B♭ Fsus4 F B♭

1. And faith-ful hearts shall nev-er fail With thanks and praise his light to hail.
2. And with pro-phet-ic ut-t'rance told His ac-tions great and man-i-fold.
3. Of wom-an-born shall nev-er be A great-er proph-et than was he.

Note: When guitar and keyboard play together, keyboardists should improvise using the guitar chords above the melody.

Text: LM; *Praecursor altus luminis*; St. Bede the Venerable, 673–735; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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