Benedictus
Canticle of Zachary
Based on Luke 1:68–79
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1. Blest be the Lord, the God of Israel,
   The prophets tell a story just begun,
   This is the oath once sworn to Abraham:
   And you, my child, this day you shall be called
   Tender love God promised from our birth
   All glory be to God, Creator blest,

2. Of vanquished foe and glorious victory won,
   All shall be free to dwell upon the land,
   The promised one, the prophet of our God,
   The promise made mani fest,
   All to J esus Christ, God’s love made man i f est,
   The promise made mani fest,

3. Who brings the dawn and darkest night dispels,
   Of promise free now to
   All to Jesus Christ, God’s love made mani fest,

4. Who raises up on this shad owed earth,
   For you will shine
   To the

5. To Jesus Christ, God’s love made manifold,
   For you will shine

6. And to the
1. up a might-y Sav-ior from the earth, Of Da-vid’s
2. made to all who keep the law as guide: God’s faith-ful
3. praise, un-harmed by the op-pres-sor’s rod, Ho-ly and
4. go before the Lord to clear the way, And shep-herd
5. those whose sor-rows seem to nev-er cease, To guide our
6. Ho-ly Spir-it, gen-tle Com-fort-er, All glo-ry

B: add9 Gm7 Gm7/Bb C Dm

1. line, a son of roy-al birth.
2. love and mer-cy will a-bide.
3. righ-teous in the sight of God.
4. all in to the light of day.
5. feet in to the path of peace.
6. be, both now and ev-er more.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 Csus4 C F Bb/F (Fine)

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