

## ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way of God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Who advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.

*-Charles Coffin, circa 1736*