

THE ANTIPHON CAROL

For Peter de Mets and in honor of the eternal life of Richard McChesney

The Wisdom from the mind of God
Now resting with a Child so small;
O Adonai, who Moses saw,
You humbly sleep in cattle's stall.

O Flow'r from David's father, old,
From earthly kings you trace your root;
O Key of Israel's harpist, true,
Who sang with string and dulcet flute.

O Morning Star, outshine the dawn
With righteous light, subdue death's sting;
O King of Nations, dressed in flesh,
Salvation for us all you bring.

Tomorrow is today, dear Christ,
Among your earthy kin you dwell;
Be with us now and evermore,
Our hope, our dear Emmanuel.

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