

In the Beginning Was the Word
A Carol for the First Sunday after Christmas

In the beginning was the Word,
the Word with God, the timeless Word.
By this Word all things came to be,
the galaxies and stars and worlds.

This Word took flesh and lived with us,
and walked with us, and broke our bread.
It wept and laughed and healed and blessed,
and told strange stories of our God.

Grace upon grace have we received,
forgiveness, mercy, hope, delight,
an empire made of righteousness
dreamed by the Word of God's own heart.

O gracious Light of new-made hope,
enduring Light, not overcome,
worthy are you, O Living Word,
of joyful praise throughout all time.

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