



Lo, How a Rose  
E'er Blooming

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**Text:** Es ist ein Ros entsprungen; st. 1-3, 4, German 16th cent.; st. 4, Friedrich L. C. Layriz (1808-1859);  
tr. st. 1-2, Theodore Baker (1894), alt.; tr. st. 3-4, Harriet R. K. Spach (1845-1925); tr. st. 5, John C. Mattes  
(1876-1948)

**Tune:** Es ist ein Ros; Köln 1599


**Setting:** Michael Praetorius (1609)

S.  
A.




1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der—stem hath  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I— have in

T.  
B.




3. The shepherds heard the story,  
Proclaimed by angels bright,  
How Christ, the Lord of glory,  
Was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped  
And in the manger found Him,  
As angel heralds said.

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sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets— long have  
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin— moth - er




4. This flow'r whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load.

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sung, It came, a flow-'ret bright, A - mid the cold of  
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to us a



5. O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory,  
Who dost our weakness know;  
Bring us at length, we pray,  
To the bright courts of heaven  
And to the endless day.

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win - ter, When half - spent— was the night.  
Sav - ior, When half - spent— was the night.

