

# Blessings at Christmas and throughout the New Year

from your brothers at Weston Priory

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O Rising Sun of Justice  
Birthing hope for a new dawn  
Conceived by earth-rooted mother  
Reflecting moon and stars—  
Image of God in our hearts.

In weakness and in glory  
Unhesitant "Yes" to life  
Toddling a human journey  
Emptying oneself in simplicity—  
Selfless unbounded love.

Beauty enfleshed  
In gracious hospitality.  
Flaming fire of Spirit  
Warm shelter for our sojourning—  
Refuge of healing mercy.

Creation groans in pangs of birth  
Peace amid the turmoil  
Joy amidst vulnerability  
Hope without ending—  
Tender Christmas embrace...

O loving caress of Shalom!