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Theme song (7<sup>th</sup>-century hymn):

Creator of the stars of night  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe . . . .

### ***I Wonder as I Wander***

Lyrics: Traditional Appalachian folk music, supplemented by John Jacob Niles  
Music: Tune revised by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980); arranger not named in recording  
Artists: Seraphic Fire, Patrick Dupré Quigley (dir.)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J\\_6VJGYZ7R4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_6VJGYZ7R4)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus, the Saviour, did come for to die  
For poor orn'ry people like you and like I:  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, twas in a cows' stall,  
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;  
Or all of God's angels in heavn for to sing,  
He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King!

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