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

### ***Calling My Children Home*** (pub. 1978)

Lyrics: Emmylou Harris (b. 1947); arranged by Joseph Jennings

Music: Doyle Lawson, Charles Waller, Robert Yates

Artists: Chanticleer (from: *Our American Journey*)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMqL4\\_0xiaM&list=RDbMqL4\\_0xiaM&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMqL4_0xiaM&list=RDbMqL4_0xiaM&start_radio=1)

1. Those lives were mine to love and cherish.  
To guard and guide along life's way.  
Oh God forbid that one should perish.  
That one alas should go astray.

2. Back in the years with all together,  
Around the place we'd romp and play.  
So lonely now and oft' times wonder,  
Oh will they come back home some day.

I'm lonesome for my precious children,  
They live so far away.  
Oh may they hear my calling.  
And come back home some day.

3. I gave my all for my dear children,  
Their problems still with love I share,  
I'd brave life's storm, defy the tempest  
To bring them home from anywhere.

4. I lived my life, my love  
I gave them, to guide them through this world of strife,  
I hope and pray we'll live together,  
In that great glad here after life.

I'm lonesome for my precious children,  
They live so far away.  
Oh may they hear my calling . . . calling . . .  
And come back home some day.

[Closing words to our theme song:]

*O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,*  
O! that every sinner would know this,  
*Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.*  
His heart must soon surely love You.

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