

# Veni Creator

(Irregular.)

Composed for "Church Hymns with Tunes", S.P.C.K., 1874.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls in - spire, And lighten with ce - les - tial fire,  
Thou the anointing Spi - rit art, Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts im - part.  
*Last verse.* *Slower.*  
Praise to Thy e - ter - nal mer - it, Father, Son, and Ho - - ly Spi - rit. A - men.

1 Come, Holy Ghost! our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire.

2 Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart

3 Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

4 Enable, with perpetual light,  
The dullness of our blinded sight.

5 Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
With the abundance of Thy grace.

6 Keep far our foes, give peace at  
home;  
Where Thou art Guide, no ill can  
come.

7 Teach us to know the Father Son,  
And Thee, of both, to be but One.

8 That, through the ages all along,  
This may be our endless song:

9 Praise to Thy etemal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen.

*Anonymous, 9th or 10th cent.;  
Translated by John Cosin,  
1594 - 1672.*