***The People Who Walked in Darkness***

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1. The people who walked in darkness

awaken to see a great light.

The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow

rise to a star shining bright.

*(Refrain)*

His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,

Father forever, Prince of Peace.

1. For God has enlarged the nation,

and prospered the fruit of its land.

God’s people are blest with the harvest of victory,

gift from a bountiful hand.

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1. The yoke of despair and bondage,

the chains of the salve master’s rod

are shattered and scattered like a dust in a wind-storm,

loosed by the justice of God.

*(Refrain)*

1. For us now a child is given,

for all the despised and forlorn.

The rule of compassion shall rest on his shoulder.

God’s own Messiah is born!

*(Refrain)*

1. How vast is our God’s dominion!

How far truth and mercy extend.

The zeal of the Lord will accomplish its purpose:

justice shall reign without end.

*(Refrain)*