The full poem by Venantius Fortunatus—who died circa 609 AD—is much longer than three verses.

REFRAIN: Hail, thou festive, ever venerable day, whereon hell is conquered, and heaven is won by Christ. Refrain is sung twice at the beginning and after each verse.

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2. Nam-que tri-um-phán-ti post tri-st-i-a tár-ta-ra Chri-sto Ún-di-que fron-de ne-mus, grá-mi-na flo-re fa-vent.


(2.) For, to celebrate the triumph over the darkness of death, the forests everywhere are covered with foliage, and the plants display their flowers.

(3.) The white garments symbolize unspotted souls, and the Shepherd rejoices in his snowlike flock.