

SALVE FESTA DIES

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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.



M S M S L F M R M S L D L S L S F R M M F M R F L S M R F S L S F R M M

Sal - ve fe - sta di-es, to - to ve-ne-rá - bi-lis æ - vo, Qua De-us in - fér - num vi-cit et a-s tra te - net.

T D R D D D R M F F R R R T D D D D T L L D D D R R T D

Sal - ve fe - sta di-es, to - to ve-ne-rá - bi-lis æ - vo, Qua De-us in - fér - num vi-cit et a-s tra te - net.

S L T L L T T D D F F F S S L S F R M F D R M F F F L L S S

Sal - ve fe - sta di-es, to - to ve-ne-rá - bi-lis æ - vo, Qua De-us in - fér - num vi-cit et a-s tra te - net.

D R M F F S S F M M R R R R D T L L L S F F L L L R R R D

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(1.) *Lo! our earth is in her spring, bearing thus her witness that, with her Lord, she has all her gifts restored.*

S L D D S F L F F R S S F R M D R F M R M S F R D M M R F R D R M M

1. Ec - ce re-na - scén - tis te - stá - tur grá - ti - a mun - di O - mni - a cum Dó - mi - no do - na re - dís - se su - o.

M M F F M R M R D D D D T L L Te Te D L L T L L L L S S

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D D R R R T D T L L L L S F R S S S T D D R M M R D D D D

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D D D D T L L S F F M R R R R R D Te Te Te L L L S F F F F M M

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

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

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

3. Ful - gén - tes á - ni-mas ve-stis quo-que cán-di - da si - gnat, Et gre-ge de ní - ve - o gáu-di - a pa-stor ha - bet.

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