

A Hymn for Christmas Offering

# A Savior Born, a Gift of Joy

O WALY WALY LM (“Though I May Speak”)

1. A Sav - ior born— a gift of  
 2. A life for all— our hope re -  
 3. An an - swered call, a pas - tor's  
 4. A stu - dent's hope, a goal and  
 5. O God of love, your joy up -

joy! A man - ger bed, a star of  
 stored! God's Word of love, a heal - ing  
 love, a work - er's toil, a church well -  
 plan, a dream de - ferred, a fam - ily's  
 lifts— the poor now laugh and know their

light, a moth - er's laugh, a ti - ny  
 touch, a cross and grave, the Ris - en  
 blessed! A cry for help— eyes turned a -  
 need, God's jus - tice lived, a lov - ing  
 worth. May we your church give Christ - mas

boy, a fath - er's prayer— such gifts that night!  
 Lord— God's end - less joy, now shared with us.  
 bobe— a gift of joy: a need ad - dressed!  
 hand— a gift of joy: “You can suc - ceed!”  
 gifts that bring your joy to all the earth.

Tune: English folk melody.

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Hymn Note for “A Savior Born, A Gift of Joy” This hymn celebrates that God’s gift of Jesus Christ to the world is a gift of joy— a joy that we as a church are called to share with those who are in need. The third and fourth verses refer to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Christmas Joy Offering. Half of the receipts of this offering go to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and the other half provides assistance for current and retired church workers and their families who are in need. As we celebrate God’s gift of joy to the world, we dedicate our gifts to those who have served God faithfully — and to those who are seeking to study and prepare for lives of faithful service. So God’s joy spreads out into the world. Churches of other denominations that are not receiving the Christmas Joy Offering may still wish to use verses one, two and five as a hymn of dedication of their special Christmas gifts.