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From the first, God's Word existed, giving life for each new day;
Freely lighting all creation with its clear and glorious ray.
God-light flashes through the darkness, breaking evil's hopeless dream;
For the darkness cannot ever overcome light's radiant beam.

Like the sun, God forms the center of a universe of care.
Christ, the light of God outpouring, shines in faces everywhere.
We, though many, are Christ's members -- each for help on all depend.
Prophets, teachers, rulers, givers: all our Christ-hues fully blend.

Let your light shine in the world where everyone may see it blaze.
Let your works inspire all people, moving them to sing God's praise.
Be a God-beam in the cosmos, pointing back toward the Son.
Helping all reveal their own beams, and together shine as one.