Long the Ages

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1. Long the ages rolled and slowly
2. Slowly passed the long procession,
3. O that Thou wouldst rend the heavens:

5. to the coming of the Word.
   type and figure, saint and sage.
   O that this might be the hour!

9. Fer-vent long-ings grew more fer-vent un-dis-
   Se-ers with in-spi-red voices, chant-ing
   O the Wis-dom, O the Ori-ent, O the
mayed by hopes deferred. Weaker spirits
from prophetic page. Kings with crown and
Key of David's power. O Desired of

sighed and whispered: Could the Lord of all for-
 sceptre carried, not their own but His by
Nations, has ten, fire that shall Redemption

get? While the prophets scanned the por-
right, Priests with incense, fire, and victim,
bring, O - - - A - - - Adoni, the Leader,

and in patience said: "Not yet!"
calling Him from Heaven's height.
O Emmanuel, the King.