

Hail the King of Heaven's Height (Caedmon's Hymn)

CAEDMON (fl. c. 657–684)

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Hail the King of heaven's height!
The Maker's might, his mind and thought
All beginnings built and wrought.

The wonder-working Father of Worth
Early shaped for sons of earth
The roof of heaven, hung with light.

Mankind's Keeper made the land,
Fields for folk whose Father's hand
Made the earth by matchless might.