



**The Sixth Day of Christmas
December 30, 2020
"Here Comes the Sun"**

I love this song anyway, and I really love this particular recording. Is it a wee bit blasphemous to say that I love it even more than the Beatles' original? Guitar, cello, and James Taylor's voice: it's all so inviting, at ease, friendly. We yearn for friends in this distant season, but we also yearn for friendliness in the like-dislike blame game that seems to be everywhere. It seems like years since it's been here – what is "it"? We can fill in the blank pretty easily in this year, yet in this song, all manner of thing seems to be well. In the Beatles' original, the sort-of-bridge section has these words:

sun, sun, sun, here it comes

James Taylor and Yo-Yo Ma add a sun:

sun, sun, sun, sun, here it comes

This is a good year to add a sun; we can use all the warmth and light and cheer we can find. In this season, I imagine that this song is sung by God: we are the "darling" to whom the loving Creator sings. The One who said, at creation's dawn, it is very good – that One now sings, it's all right.

Prayer

Shining God, you are our light and our salvation. Dawn on this weary world with your gleaming love, make all things right and good, and encourage us into a new year, so that we may participate in your purposes of justice and peace for all you have created. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Sun of Righteousness. Amen.

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