

Comfort, Comfort Now My People 1

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. . . . A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

ISAIAH 40:1, 3

GENEVAN 42

Text: Johannes G. Olearius; Tr. Catherine Winkworth

Music: Louis Bourgeois



1. "Com - fort, com - fort now My peo - ple; tell of peace!" so says our God.
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed:
3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
4. Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
All that well de - served His an - ger He no more will see or heed.
call - ing us to true re - pent - ance since the King - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits His ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!
She has suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way!
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er spring - ing glad - ness!
Let the val - leys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry 2

*These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.*

JOHN 1:28

PUER NOBIS

Text: Charles Coffin, Tr. John Chandler

Music: Trier Manuscript, adapt. Michael Praetorius

D A D G D/A A D

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry
2. Let ev - ery heart be cleansed from sin,
3. For You are our sal - va - tion, Lord,
4. To heal the sick, stretch out Your hand,
5. To You, O Christ, all prais - es be,

A/C# A D G/D D

an - nounc - es that the Lord is nigh:
make straight the way for God with - in,
our re - fuge and our great re - ward;
and make the fal - len sin - ner stand;
Whose ad - vent sets Your peo - ple free;

Bm E/G# A D G D

a - wake and lis - ten for he brings
and so pre - pare to be the home
with - out Your grace we waste a - way
shine out, and let Your light re - store
Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore

Em A/C# D A D/F# G A D

glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
where such a might - y guest may come.
like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed 3

The angel said to her, “. . . You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.” . . . And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

LUKE 1:30-31, 38

KINGSFOLD

Text: Jane Parker Huber

Music: Traditional English Melody; Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. For_ ag - es wom - en hoped and prayed to_ bear the A - noint - ed One,
2. Young Ma - ry did not think to hope for_ mir - a - cles_ of birth,
3. Our hearts re - joice as Ma - ry's song be - comes our hymn of praise.



both Is - rael's Sav - ior and the world's, the_ new day's shin - ing Sun.
and_ God chose her to be the one to_ make Christ's home on earth.
For_ Christ has come, Em - man - u - el! to_ claim our years and days.



Did_ they not know? Did they not guess what pain would then be theirs,
So_ Ma - ry sang her heart - felt praise of God who sets things straight;
Both pres - ent now and com - ing still, ac - com - plished fact and dream,



if_ God's A - noint - ed_ graced their home in_ an - swer to_ their prayers?
the_ might - y fall, the_ weak are raised, the_ hun - gry fill_ their plate.
we_ join the song that Ma - ry sings, an_ earth - ly, heaven - ly theme.

The Hands That First Held Mary's Child 4

*When Joseph woke up,
he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took Mary home as his wife.*

MATTHEW 1:24 NIV

KINGSFOLD

Text: Thomas H. Troeger

Music: Traditional English melody; Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. The_ hands that first held Ma - ry's child were hard from work - ing wood,
2. When Jo - seph mar - veled at the size of_ that small breath - ing frame,
3. "This child shall be Em - man - u - el, not_ God up - on_ the throne,
4. The_ tools which Jo - seph laid a - side a_ mob would lat - er lift



from_ boards they sawed and planed and filed and_ splin - ters they_ with - stood.
and_ gazed up - on those bright new eyes and_ spoke the in - fant's name,
but_ God with us, Em - man - u - el, as_ close as blood and bone."
and_ use with an - ger, fear, and pride to_ cru - ci - fy_ God's gift.



This_ day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no ir - on nail,
the_ an - gel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heav - en's height,
The_ tin - y form_ in Jo - seph's palms con - firmed what he had heard,
Let_ us, O Lord, not on - ly hold the child who's born to - day,



but_ crad - led from the_ head to heel our_ Lord, new - born_ and frail.
and_ like the host of_ stars that beamed blessed earth with wel - come light.
and_ from his heart rose hymns and psalms for_ heav - en's hu - man word.
but_ charged with faith may we be bold to_ fol - low in_ His way.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

MATTHEW 1:23

VENI EMMANUEL

Text: Latin antiphons, 12th c.

Tr. John Mason Neale

Music: Plainsong, 13th c.



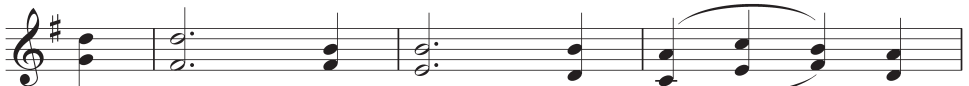
Ve - ni, ve - ni Em - man - u - el, Cap -
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2. O *come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine*
3. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, and
4. O *come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come and*



ti - vum sol - ve Is - ra - el, Qui ge - mit in ex -
ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly
own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell Thy
cheer us by Thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y
o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that



i - li - o, Pri - va - tus De - i Fi - li - o.
ex - ile here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.



Gau - de, gau - de! Em - man - u -
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -



el na - sce - tur pro - te, Is - ra - el.
el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 6

And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.

HAGGAI 2:7

HYFRYDOL

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re -
 yet a King, born to reign in us for -

lease us; let us find our rest in Thee.
 ev - er, now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the
 By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our

earth Thou art, dear De - sire of ev - 'ry
 hearts a - lone; by Thine all - suf - fi - cient

na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Chords: F, Dm, Gm, C7, F, Bb, C, F, Dm, Gm, C7, F/A, Dm, Gm, C, F, Am, Dm, Gm, C, F, Gm, C, F/A, Gm, C, F, C, F/A, Bb, D, Gm, F/C, C7, F

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 7

*But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.*

HABAKKUK 2:20

PICARDY

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th c.

Adapt. Gerard Moultrie

Music: Traditional French melody 17th c.

Dm



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep__ si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of__ Ma - ry, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of__ heav - en spreads its van-guard
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

Gm A Dm



trem - bling__ stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly__ mind - ed,
earth He__ stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man__ ves - ture,
on the__ way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less__ eye, veil their fac - es to the__ Pres - ence,

D Cm7 Bb Gm7 A Dm Gm



for with bless - ing in His__ hand, Christ our God to earth de -
in the bod - y and the__ blood, He will give to all the
from the realms of end - less__ day, that the pow'rs of hell may
as with cease - less voice they__ cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Dm A Dm Em7 A7 Dm



scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly__ food.
van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most__ High!"

Of the Father's Love Begotten

8

*In the beginning was the Word. . . . And the Word
became flesh . . . and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.*

JOHN 1:1, 14

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius
Music: Plainsong, 12th c.



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
3. O ye heights of heav'n a - dore Him, an - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
4. Christ, to Theewith God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, and ex - tol our God and King;
hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be:



of the things that are, that have been,
and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!_
first re - vealed His sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!_
ev - ery voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!_
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!_

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes 9

*Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news
of great joy that will be for all the people.*

LUKE 2:10

CHESTERFIELD

Text: Philip Doddridge

Music: Thomas Haweis



1. Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2. He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3. He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pri - son held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne, and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore Him burst; the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of His grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with Your be - lov - ed name.

Angels from the Realms of Glory 10

*That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

REGENT SQUARE

Text: James Montgomery

Music: Henry T. Smart



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem-pla - tions, bright-er vi-sions beam a - - far;
4. Saints be-fore the al - tar bend-ing, watch-ing long in hope and fear,
5. Though an in - fant now we view Him He will share His Fa-ther's throne,



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon-der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great De - sire of Na - tions, ye have seen His na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
gath - er all the na - tions to Him; ev - ery knee shall then bow down.



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor - ship Christ, the new-born King.

Angels We Have Heard on High 11

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
among those with whom he is pleased!*

LUKE 2:14

GLORIA

Text: Traditional French carol

Music: Traditional French melody, Arr. Edward S. Barnes

F C7 F C F C7 F

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

F C7 F C F Gm(add9) C F

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

F Dm Gm C F Bb C

F Bb F/C C F Dm Gm C

F Bb C F Bb F/C C7 F

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

12

*Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest . . . !”*

LUKE 2:13-14

MENDELSSOHN
Text: Charles Wesley
Music: Felix Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — “Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
Late in time be - hold Him come, — off - spring of the Vir - gin’s womb.
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail th’in - car - nate De - i - ty, —
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, —

with th’an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!”
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to — give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry — to the new - born King!”

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

13

*“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that
has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”
And they went with haste.*

LUKE 2:15-16

MANGER SONG

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda

Music: Carl F. Schalk



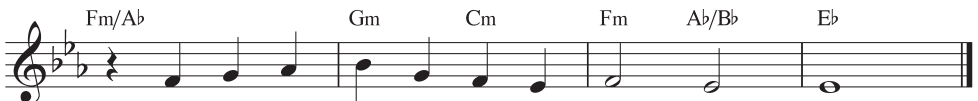
1. Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,
2. In that un - like - ly place I find Him as they said:
3. How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,
4. Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange-ly stirred,
sweet new-born babe, how frail and in a man - ger bed,
his proph-e - cies ful-filled? With pound-ing heart I stare:
its way in - to my heart—un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



but there is room and wel - come there for me,
a still, small voice to cry one day for me,
a child, a Son, the Prince of Peace for me,
to die, to live, and not a - lone for me,



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a still, small voice to cry one day for me.
a child, a Son, the Prince of Peace for me.
to die, to live, and not a - lone for me?

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It Came upon the Midnight Clear 14

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. . . ." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

LUKE 2:10 & 13

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

PSALM 148:2

CAROL

Text: Edmond H. Sears

Music: Richard S. Willis



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un -
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing
4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et seen of -



old, from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to
 furled, and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er
 low, who toil a - long the climb - ing way with
 old, when with the ev - er - circ - ling years shall



touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good
 all the wea - ry world; a - bove its sad and
 pain - ful steps and slow, look now! for glad and
 come the time fore - told, when peace shall o - ver



will to men, from heav'ns all - gra - cious King." The
 low - ly plains they bend on hov - ring wing: and
 gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing: O
 all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling, and



world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
 all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

15

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small...
out of you will come for me one
who will be ruler over Israel.*

MICAH 5:2 NIV

ST. LOUIS

Text: Phillips Brooks

Music: Lewis H. Redner



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O Ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heav'n.
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light:
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Once in Royal David's City

16

*Christ Jesus . . . though he was in the form of God . . .
emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-7

IRBY

Text: Cecil F. Alexander

Music: Henry J. Gauntlett



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle—
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and Lord of—
3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us— He—
4. And our eyes at last— shall see Him, through His own re - deem - ing—



shed, where a moth - er laid— her— ba - by in a
all, and His shel - ter was— a— sta - ble, and His
grew, He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and
love; for that Child, so dear— and gen - tle, is our



man - ger for— His— bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er
cra - dle was— a— stall: with the poor and meek and
smiles like us— He— knew: and He feels for all our
Lord in heav'n a - bove, and He leads His chil - dren



mild,— Je - sus Christ her lit - tle— child.—
low - ly lived on earth, our Sav - ior— ho - ly.
sad - ness, and He shares in all— our— glad - ness.
on— to the place where He— is— gone.—

Fullness of Grace

17

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:16-17

Text: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend



1. Full - ness of grace in man's hu - man frail - ty; this is the won - der of
2. Full - ness of grace, the love of the Fa - ther shown in the face__ of
3. Full - ness of hope in Christ we had longed__ for, prom - ise of God__ in



Je - sus. Lay - ing a - side His pow - er and glo - ry,
Je - sus. Stoop - ing to bear the weight of hu - man - i - ty,
Je - sus. Through His o - be - dience we are for - giv - en,



hum - bly He en - tered our world. Chose the__ path of__ mean - est__ worth;
walk - ing the Cal - va - ry road. Christ, the__ ho - ly__ In - no - cent,
o - p'ning the flood - gates of heav'n. All our__ hopes and__ dreams we__ bring



scan - dal__ of a__ vir - gin birth. Born in a sta - ble,
took our__ sin and__ pun - ish - ment. Full - ness of God, de -
glad - ly__ as an__ of - fer - ing. Full - ness of life and



cold and re - jec - ted: Here lies the hope__ of the world.
spised and re - ject - ed: Crushed for the sins__ of the world.
joy un - speak - a - ble: God's gift in love__ to the world.

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor 18

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

Text: Frank Houghton

Music: French carol melody

D A7 Bm A/C# D Gmaj7

1. Thou Who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor,
2. Thou Who art God be - yond all prais - ing,
3. Thou Who art love be - yond all tell - ing,

D/F# A Bm G A7 D

all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;
all for love's sake be - cam - est man;
Sa - vior and King, we wor - ship Thee.

D G/D Bm A(sus4) A

thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

D/F# A Bm G/B A(sus4) A

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor.
heav'n - ward by Thine e - ter - nal plan.
make us what Thou wouldst have us be.

D D/F# A7 Bm A/C# D G

Thou Who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor,
Thou Who art God be - yond all prais - ing,
Thou Who art Love be yond all tell - ing,

D/F# A Bm D/F# Gmaj7 A(sus4) A7 D

all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
Sa - vior and King, we wor - ship Thee.

What Child Is This?

19

*They saw the child with Mary his mother,
and they fell down and worshiped him.
Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts.*

MATTHEW 2:11

GREENSLEEVES

Text: Traditional English carol

Adapt. William C. Dix

Music: English melody, 16th c.



1. What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh: come peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the
own Him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mar - y.
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the son of Mar - y.
joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the son of Mar - y.

I Wonder as I Wander

20


*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.*

ISAIAH 9:2

Text: Traditional Appalachian carol, adpt. John Jacob Niles


Music: Traditional American melody, arr. John Jacob Niles

Gm Dm C



1. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how
2. When Ma - ry birthed Je - sus 'twas in a cow's stall, with
3. If Je - sus had want - ed for an - y wee thing, a
4. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how

Gm Eb Cm Gm




Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for
wise men and farm - ers and shep - herds and all, but
star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or
Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for

Gm/F Eb Dm



poor o - n'ry peo - ple like you and like I; I
high from God's heav - en a star's light did fall, the
all of God's an - gels in heav'n for to sing, He
poor o - n'ry peo - ple like you and like I;

Eb Cm⁹ Gm C



won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.
prom - ise of a - ges it then did re - call.
sure - ly could have it, 'cause He was the King.
won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.

I WONDER AS I WANDER

By John Jacob Niles

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Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

21

*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!*

ZEPHANIAH 3:14

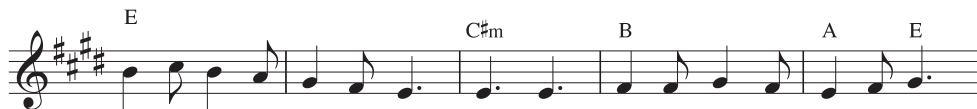
IN DULCI JUBILO

Text: Heinrich Seuse, Tr. John Mason Neale

Music: Traditional German Melody, 14th c.



1. Good Christ-ian men, re - joice_____ with heart and soul and voice!_____
2. Good Christ-ian men, re - joice_____ with heart and soul and voice!_____
3. Good Christ-ian men, re - joice_____ with heart and soul and voice!_____



Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to-day!
Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, and He is in the man - ger now:
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day!_____ Christ is born to - day!_____

Christ was born for this!_____ Christ was born for this!_____

Christ was born to save!_____ Christ was born to save!_____

Ding, Dong! Merrily on High

22

*I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.*

LUKE 2:10

BRANLE DE L'OFFICIAL

Text: George Ratcliffe Woodward

Music: Jehan Tabourot, Adpt. Charles Wood



1. Ding, dong! Mer-ri - ly on high, in heav'n the bells are ring - ing.
2. E'en so, here be-low, be - low, let stee - ple bells be swung - en,
3. Pray you, du - ti - ful - ly prime your ma - tin chime, you ring - ers;



Ding, dong! Ve - ri - ly the sky is riv'n with an - gels sing - ing!
and "i - o, i - o, i - o!" by priest and peo - ple sung - en!
may you beau-ti - ful - ly rhyme your ev'n-time song, you sing - ers.



Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a, Ho - san - na in Ex - cel - sis!



Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a, Ho - san - na in Ex - cel - sis!

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day 23

*For to us a child is born . . .
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6

WALTHAM

Text: Henry W. Longfellow

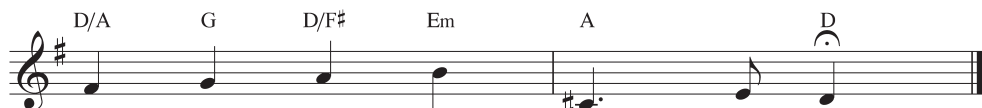
Music: John Calkin



1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day their old, fa - mil - iar
2. I thought how, as the day had come, the bel - fries of all
3. And in de - spair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on
4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor
5. Till ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, the world re - volved from



car - ols play, and wild and sweet the words re - peat of
Christ - en - dom had rolled a - long the un - brok - ken song of
earth," I said; "For hate is strong, and mocks the song of
doth He sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right pre - vail, with
night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant su - blime of



peace on earth, good will to men.
peace on earth, good will to men.
peace on earth, good will to men."
peace on earth, good will to men."
peace on earth, good will to men.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen 24

*Fear not, for behold,
I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.*

LUKE 2:10

Text: English carol, 18th c.

Music: English melody



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may! Re -
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came; and
3. "Fear not," then said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright; to
4. Now to the Lord sing prai - ses all you with - in this place! With



mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day, to
un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same: how
you is born a Sav - ior in Da - vid's town to - night, to
Christ - ian love and broth - er - hood each o - ther now em - brace, this



save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a -
that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by
free all those who trust in Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and
ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de -



stray; O — tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and
name.
might."
face.



joy, O — tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 25

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people."*

LUKE 2:10

SUSSEX CAROL

Text: Traditional English carol

Music: English Folk Song, Adpt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. On Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, to hear the news_ the
2. Then why should all on earth_ be sad, since our Re - deem - er
3. When sin de - parts be - fore_ His grace, then life and health come
4. All out of dark - ness we_ have light, which made the an - gels

an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, to
made us glad; then why should all on earth_ be sad, since
in its place; when sin de - parts be - fore_ His grace, then
sing this night; all out of dark - ness we_ have light, which

hear the news_ the an - gels bring:
our Re - deem - er made us glad;
life and health_ come in its place;
made the an - gels sing this night:

news of great joy, news of great mirth,
when from our sin_ He set_ us free,
heav - en and earth_ with joy_ may sing,
"Glo - ry to God_ and peace_ to men,

news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth._
all for to gain our lib - er - ty?_
all for to see the new - born King,_
now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."_

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

26

*You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths
and lying in a manger. . . .
He is Lord of lords and King of kings.*

LUKE 2:12; REVELATION 17:14

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Text: Polish carol

Paraphrased, Edith M. G. Reed

Music: Traditional Polish melody



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for His bed a cat - tle stall;
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morning new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - ðls ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

27

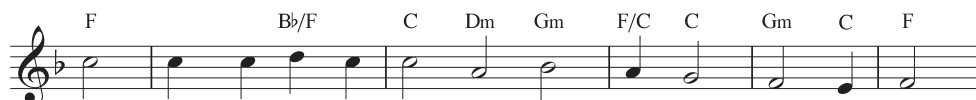
*The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them;
and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.*

ISAIAH 35:1-2 KJV

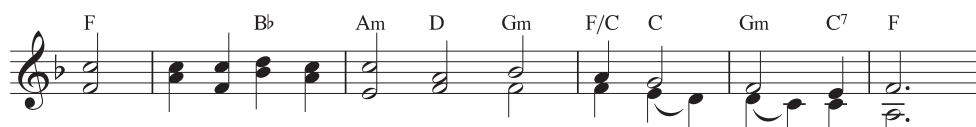
ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

Text: German hymn, ca. 1500

Music: German melody, 16th c.



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind;
3. This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where.



It came a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the cold of
To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a
True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and death He



win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Away in a Manger

28

*Jesus . . . said to them, "Let the children come to me;
do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. . . ."
And he took them in his arms and blessed them,
laying his hands on them.*

MARK 10:14, 16

CRADLE SONG

Text: Anonymous

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is primarily block chords. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column containing three verses. The first system covers the first two lines of the first verse. The second system covers the second and third lines of the first verse. The third system covers the first two lines of the second verse. The fourth system covers the second and third lines of the second verse. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing the Ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus lay down His sweet head;
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes;
close by me for - ev - er and love me I pray;

the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
bless all the dear child - ren in Thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my cra - dle 'til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

Silent Night! Holy Night!

29

*And they went with haste
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby lying in a manger.*

LUKE 2:16

STILLE NACHT
Text: Joseph Mohr
Music: Franz Gruber

A E7

Stil - le Nacht! Hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schláft,
1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,
4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star,

A D A

ein - sam wach't nur das trau - te, hoch bei - li - ge Paar
all is bright 'round yon vir - gin moth - er and Child.
at the sight! Glo - ries stream_ from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light, ra - diant beams_ from Thy ho - ly face,
lend thy light; with the an - gels let_ us sing

D A Bm E7

bold - er Kna - be im lock - i - gen Harr, schlaf in himm - lisch - er
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts_ sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
al - le - lu - ia to_ our King; Christ, the Sav - ior, is

A A/E E7 A

Rub, _ _ _ _ _ schlaf_ in himm - lisch - er Rub!
peace, _ _ _ _ _ sleep_ in heav - en - ly peace.
born! _ _ _ _ _ Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, _ _ _ _ _ Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
born! _ _ _ _ _ Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

O Holy Night

30

*As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me;
and every tongue shall confess to God.*

ROMANS 14:11

CANTIQUE DE NOEL

Text: John S. Dwight

Music: Adolphe Adam

1. O ho - ly night, the stars are bright - ly shin - ing, it is the
2. Led by the light of faith se - ren - ly beam - ing, with glow - ing
3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one an - oth - er; His law is
night of the dear Sav - ior's birth; long lay the world in sin and er - ror
hearts by His cra - dle we stand; so led by light of a star sweet - ly
love, and His gos - pel is peace; chains shall He break for the slave is our
pin - ing, till He ap - peared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the
gleam - ing, here came the wise men from the O - rient land. The King of kings lay
broth - er, and in His name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in
wea - ry world re - joic - es, for yon - der breaks a new and glo - rious morn!
thus in low - ly man - ger, in all our tri - als born to be our friend!
grate - ful cho - rus raise we; let all with - in us praise His ho - ly name!
Fall on your knees! O hear the an - gel voic - es! O night di -
He knows our need, to our weak - ness is no strang - er. Be - hold your
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name for - ev - er! His pow'r and
vine! O night when Christ was born! O night di -
King! Be - fore Him low - ly bend! Be - hold your
glo - ry ev - er more pro - claim! His pow'r and
vine! O night, O night di - vine!
King: be - fore Him low - ly bend! glo - ry ev - er more pro - claim!

Chords: A, D, A, A/E, E7, A, A7, D, A, D#7/A, C#m/G#, G#, C#m, E, E7, F#m, C#m, Bm, F#m, A/E, E7, E/D, A/C#, D, A/E, E, A, A/C#, E, 1.2. A/C# D A/E E A, 3. A/C# D A/E E A

O Come, All Ye Faithful

31

*Let us go over to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has happened,
which the Lord has made known to us.*

LUKE 2:15

ADESTE FIDELES

Text: Latin Hymn, Attr. to John Francis Wade

Music: John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

G D G C G/D D

A - des - te, fi - de - les, la - ti tri - um - phan - tes;
 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

Em A7 D G D/A A7 D

Ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.
 O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 lo, He ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb:
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

G/B D/A G D/A G D A7 D

Na - tum vi - de - te, Re - gem an - ge - lo - rum.
 come and be - hold Him born the King of an - gels;
 ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

G G C G/D D7

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

G C Am D7 G/B C G/D D7 G

Ve - ni - te - a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come 32

*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth:
make a loud noise, and rejoice,
and sing praise.*

PSALM 98:4 KJV

ANTIOCH

Text: Isaac Watts

Music: Lowell Mason



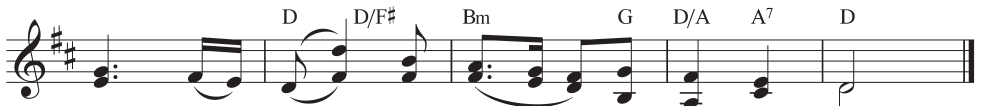
1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King! _____ Let ev - ery _____ heart _____ pre - pare _____ Him _____
play; _____ while fields _____ and _____ floods, _____ rocks, hills, _____ and _____
ground; _____ He comes to _____ make _____ His bless - ings _____
prove _____ the glo - ries _____ of _____ His right - eous -



room, _____ and heav'n and na - ture _____ sing, _____ and heav'n and na - ture _____
plains _____ re - peat the sound - ing _____ joy, _____ re - peat the sound - ing _____
flow _____ far as the curse is _____ found, _____ far _____ as the curse is _____
ness, _____ and won - ders of His _____ love, _____ and won - ders of His _____



sing, _____ and heav'n and heav'n _____ and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, _____ re - peat _____ the sound - ing joy.
found, far _____ as, _____ far as _____ the curse is found.
love, and _____ won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Joy Has Dawned upon the World 33

*We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable,
and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*

2 PETER I:19 NIV

Text and Music:
Stuart Townend, Keith Getty



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, pro - mised from cre - a - tion:
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels,
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
4. Son of A - dam, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for e - v'ry na - tion.
as the migh - ty Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.
re - con - cil - ing God and man, Christ our migh - ty Champ - ion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in_ place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
Gold, a King is born to - day, in - cense, God is with_ us,
What a Sav - ior! What a_ Friend! What a glo - rious myst - 'ry:



but a hum - ble gift of love, Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - nera - ble and help - less.
myrrh, His death will make a way, and by blood He'll win_ us.
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of hist - 'ry.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

34

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.

LUKE 2:17 NIV

Text: John W. Work Jr.

Music: Spiritual

F F/A C⁷ G^m C F B^b C

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

F F/A B^b F/C C⁷ F *Fine*

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

F F/A B^b F D^m C G^m C F

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth born,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our hum - ble Christ was born,

F B^b F D^m G G⁷ C *D.C.*

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light._____
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth._____
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn._____

The First Noel

35

*The star that they had seen when it rose went before them
until it came to rest over the place where the child was.
When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly
with great joy.*

MATTHEW 2:9-10

Text: English Carol, 17th c.
Music: English melody, Arr. John Stainer



1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star the wise men
4. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es



shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay
east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was
to our heav - en - ly Lord, Who hath made heav'n and



keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so
gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and
their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it
earth of naught, and with His blood man - kind hath



deep. No - el, No - el, No - el,
night.
went.
bought.



No - el. Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

As with Gladness Men of Old

36

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly
with great joy. . . . they fell down and worshiped him.
Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts.*

MATTHEW 2:10-11

DIX

Text: William Chatterton Dix

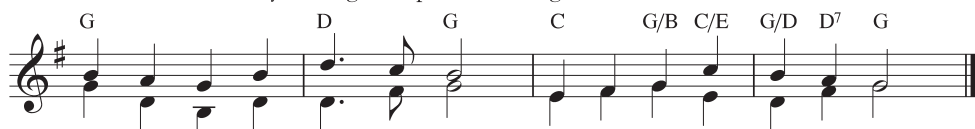
Music: Conrad Kocher



1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly man-ger bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare,
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
there to bend the knee be-fore Him Whom heaven and earth a-dore,
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to Thee.
so, may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King,
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.

Standing at the Portal

37

*It is the LORD who goes before you.
He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you.
Do not fear or be dismayed.*

DEUTERONOMY 31:8

HERMAS

Text: Frances R. Havergal

Music: Frances R. Havergal



1. Stand - ing at the por - tal of the o - pening year,
2. "I the LORD am with you. Do not be a - fraid,
3. For the year be - fore us, O what rich sup - plies,
4. He will nev - er fail us, He will not for - sake;



words of com - fort meet us, hush - ing ev - ery fear;
I will help and strength - en; do not be dis - mayed!
For the poor and need - y liv - ing streams shall rise;
His e - ter - nal cov - 'nant He will nev - er break.



spo - ken through the si - lence by our Fa - ther's voice,
For I will up - hold you with My own right hand;
For the sad and sin - ful shall His grace a - bound;
Rest - ing on His prom - ise, what have we to fear?



ten - der, strong, and faith - ful, mak - ing us re - joice,
You are called and cho - sen in My sight to stand."
For the faint and fee - ble per - fect strength be found.
God is all - suf - fi - cient for the com - ing year.

O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly 38

*And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

ISAIAH 35:10

FREUET EUCH, IHR CHRISTEN ALLE

Text: Christian Keimann, Tr. Catherine Winkworth

Music: Andreas Hammerschmidt



1. O re-joice, ye Chris-tians, loud-ly, for our joy has now be-gun;
2. See, my soul, your Sav-ior choos-es weak-ness here and pov-er-ty;
3. Lord, how shall I thank Thee right-ly? I ac-knowl-edge that by Thee
4. Je-sus, guard and guide Thy mem-bers; fill them with Thy bound-less grace;



won-drous things our God has done. Tell a-broad His good-ness proud-ly,
in such love He comes to thee. Nei-ther crib nor cross re-fus-ing,
I am saved e-ter-nal-ly. Let me not for-get it light-ly
hear their prayers in ev-ery place. Fan-to-flame faith's glow-ing em-bers;



Who our race has hon-ored thus, that He deigns to dwell with us.
all He suf-fers for thy good to re-deem thee by His blood.
but to Thee at all times cleave, and my heart true peace re-ceive.
grant all Chris-tians, far and near, ho-ly peace, a glad New Year!



Joy, O joy, be-yond all glad-ness, Christ has done a-way with sad-ness!



Hence, all sor-row and re-pin-ing, for the Son of Grace is shin-ing!

Wise Men, They Came to Look 39

*Wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?"*

MATTHEW 2:1-2

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Text: Christopher Idle

Music: Georg Neumark



1. Wise men, they came to look for wis - dom,
2. Pil - grims they were, from un - known coun - tries,
3. Ma - gi, they stooped to see Your splen - dor,
4. Guests of their God, they o - pened trea - sures,



find - ing One wis - er than they knew;
search - ing for One who knows the world;
led by a star to light su - preme;
in - cense and gold and sol - emn myrrh;



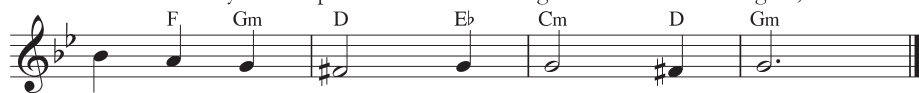
rich men they met with One yet rich - er,
lost are their names, and strange their jour - neys,
prom - ised Mes - si - ah, Lord e - ter - nal,
wel - com - ing One too young to ques - tion



King of the kings, they knelt to You:
famed is their zeal to find the Child:
glo - ry and peace are in Your name.
how came these gifts, and what they were.



Je - sus, our wis - dom from a - bove,
Je - sus, in You the lost are claimed,
Joy of each day, our Song by night,
Gift be - yond price of gold or gem,



wealth and re - demp - tion, life and love.
al - iens are found, and known, and named.
shine on our path Your ho - ly light.
make a - mong us Your Beth - le - hem.

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We Three Kings

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*And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother,
and they fell down and worshiped him.*

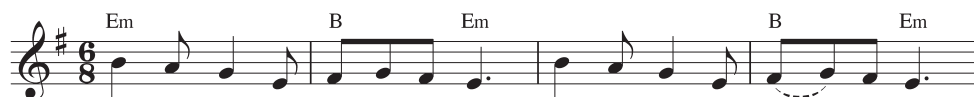
*Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

MATTHEW 2:11

KINGS OF ORIENT

Text: J. H. Hopkins Jr.

Music: J. H. Hopkins Jr.



1. We three kings of Or - i - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a De - i - ty night;
4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom,
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, voi - ces rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth to heav'n re - plies.



O, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright.



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

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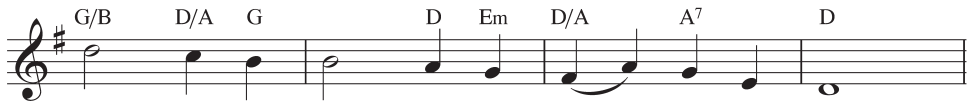
*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.*

ISAIAH 9:2

Text: Reginald Heber
Music: James P. Harding



1. Bright - est and best of the stars_ of the morn - ing,
2. Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3. What shall we give Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each lav - ish ob - la - tion,



dawn on our dark - ness and come_ to our aid;
low lies His head with the beasts_ of the stall;
Shall we bring in - cense and of - erings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure;



star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls_ of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all!
myrrh from the for - est or gold_ from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*Repeat Stanza 1

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

42

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you
with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

EPHESIANS 3:16-17 NIV

MARGARET

Text: Emily S. Elliott

Music: Timothy R. Matthews



1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown when Thou
2. Heav-en's arch - es rang and the an - gels sang, pro -
3. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing word that should
4. When the heav - ens shall ring, and the an - gels sing, at Thy



cam - est to earth for me; but in Beth - le - hem's home was there
claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; but of low - ly birth Thou didst
set Thy peo - ple free; but with mock - ing scorn, and with
com - ing to vic - to - ry. let Thy voice call me home, say - ing,



found no room for Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty.
come to earth, and in great hu - mil - i - ty.
crown of thorn, they bore Thee to Cal - va - ry.
"Yet there is room, there is room at My side for thee."



O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for Thee!
O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for Thee!
O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for Thee!
My heart shall re - joice, Lord Je - sus, when Thou com - est and call - est for me!

In the Bleak Midwinter

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*I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD,
and they shall be my people and I will be their God,
for they shall return to me with their whole heart.*

JEREMIAH 24:7

CRANHAM

Text: Christina G. Rossetti

Music: Gustav T. Holst

F Dm Gm C

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2. Our God heav'n can - not hold him, nor___ earth sus - tain.
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4. What___ can I give Him, poor___ as I am?

F Dm Bb6 Gm/D F

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when He comes to reign:
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thronged___ the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

Bb/D F7/C Bb Dm F/A Bb6 Bbmaj7 C

snow had fall - en snow on snow, snow___ on___ snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
but His moth - er on___ ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise___ man, I would do my part;

F F F/A F D(sus4) Dm Bb6 C7 F

In the bleak mid - win - ter, long___ a - go.
the Lord___ God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with___ a kiss.
yet what___ can I give Him? Give___ my heart.

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