

THIS BRIGHTEST OF DAYS!

a carol for Christmas

words and music by Peter Lawson

Poco maestoso ♩ = 88

allarg. a tempo

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Piano (or organ, adapting as necessary)

1. Christ is born, this bright-est of days!
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1. Christ is born, is
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days!
days!
born, is born this bright-est of days!
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Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss-ful gaze!
Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss-ful gaze!
Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss - ful, bliss-ful,
Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss - ful, bliss-ful,

ff *div. f* *unis.* *ff* *f* *ff*

Ped. *Ped.*

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Our sa - viour, God's on-ly son, Has come from heav'n, born in hum-blest of ways, -

Our sa - viour, God's on-ly son, Has come from heav'n, born in hum-blest of ways,

bliss - ful gaze! Our sa - viour, God's on-ly son, Has come from heav'n, born in hum-blest of ways,

bliss - ful gaze! Our sa - viour, God's on-ly son, Has come from heav'n, born in hum-blest of ways,

div. *unis.* *rit.*

f

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God's good-ness shown with won-d'rous heav'n-ly rays! Ba - by

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a tempo *ff* **A** *Meno mosso* *p* *unis.*

cresc. *ff* *p*

Tempo primo **B**

31

such a sight seen a - gain? 2. An - gels and mor - tals a - like: re - joice, this morn!

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mp f ff

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A mo - men - tous e - vent, Je - sus Christ, our sa - viour, born!

unis. div.

A mo - men - tous e - vent, Je - sus Christ, our sa - viour, born!

hap - py morn! A mo - men - tous e - vent, Je - sus Christ, our sa - viour, Je - sus Christ was born!

hap - py morn! A mo - men - tous e - vent, Je - sus Christ, our sa - viour, Je - sus Christ was born!

f ff

41 *div.* *ff*
 Flow - ers can flou - rish And crea - tures, crea - tures and birds can flou - rish, ea - gle to fawn,
unis. *div.* *unis.* *div.*
 Flow - ers can flou - rish And crea - tures and birds can flou - rish, ea - gle to fawn,
f
 Flow - ers can flou - rish And crea - tures and birds can flou - rish, ea - gle to fawn,
f *div.*
 Flow - ers can flou - rish And crea - tures and birds can flou - rish, ea - gle to fawn,

rit. *ff* *Maestoso* *fff*
 45 *unis.* *div.* *ff* *unis.*
 Raise joy - ous song in praise, this hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in
ff *ff*
 Raise joy - ous song in praise, this hap - py glo - ri - ous, hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in
ff *ff*
 Raise joy - ous song in praise, this hap - py glo - ri - ous, hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in
ff *ff*
 Raise joy - ous song in praise, this hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in
ff *ff*
 Raise joy - ous song in praise, this hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in

ff *ff*

8^{vb}

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Tempo primo

50

div. //

praise, this hap-py dawn!

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praise, this hap-py dawn!

praise, this hap-py dawn!

ff

fff

Ped.

55

C

molto rit. *emp* *molto* *rit.* *Meno mosso* *pp dolce*

E - ter - nal joy! sang the an-gels Ma - ry and

div. *p* *pp*

'E - ter - nal joy! sang the an-gels, from Hea-ven; In Beth - le-hem

fff *div. unis.* *molto* *p* *pp*

'E - ter - nal joy! sang the an-gels, from Hea-ven; In Beth - le-hem

fff *div.* *molto* *p* *pp*

'E - ter - nal joy! sang the an-gels, from Hea-ven; In Beth - le-hem

molto *p* *pp*

Ped.

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rit.
div.

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Jo - seph were trans-fix'd with won - der and joy, were trans-fix'd with joy,
 they were trans-fix'd with won - der and joy, were trans-fix'd with joy,
 they were trans-fix'd with joy, with joy, were trans-fix'd with joy,
 they were trans-fix'd with joy, with joy were trans-fix'd with joy,

mp *mf*

Anchea meno mosso ♩ = 56

67

with won - der and joy 3. 'Bless all on earth', sang the an-gels from
 with joy. 3. 'Bless all on earth', sang the an-gels from
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 with joy. 3. 'Bless all on earth', sang the an-gels from

mp *p*

82 *f* *ff* *rit.* *Maestoso* ♩ = 72 11

unis. *div.* Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous day, Prai - ses of love and

unis. *div.* Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous, prai - ses of love and joy, Prai - ses of love and

8 *div.* Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous, day, Prai - ses of love and

unis. *div.* Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous, day, Prai - ses of love and

unis. *div.* Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous, day, Prai - ses of love and

Piano accompaniment for measures 82-86, featuring chords and arpeggiated figures.

allarg. *Tempo* ♩ = 88 *allarg.* *a tempo* *allarg.*

87 *div.* joy, this won-d'rous day!

div. Prai-ses won-d'rous day!

8 *div.* joy, this won-d'rous day!

9 *div.* joy, this won-d'rous day!

Piano accompaniment for measures 87-91, including a *Ped.* (pedal) marking.