

# THIS BRIGHTEST OF DAYS!

a carol for Christmas

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Poco maestoso ♩ = 88

allarg. a tempo

Soprano 1  
Soprano 2  
Alto  
Piano (or organ, adapting as necessary)

1. Christ is born, this bright-est of days!  
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ff  
Ped.  
ff  
ff  
ff

6  
days!  
Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss-ful gaze!  
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born, is born the bright-est of days!  
Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss - ful, bliss-ful,

11

rit. . . .

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,

16

a tempo

**A** **Meno mosso**  
*p*  
unis.

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

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*cresc.* *ff* *p*

21

Je-sus lies sleep-ing peace-fly, With his moth-er Ma - ry smil-ing, Jo-seph stand-ing by, With

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Je-sus lies sleep-ing peace-fly, With his moth-er Ma - ry smil-ing, Jo-seph stand-ing by, With

*mp* *div. unis.*

*mp*

*mp* *div. unis.*

*mp*

27

ox and ass keep-ing watch In the sil-ver-y light of dawn. Shall there be

ox, keep-ing watch over him In the sil-ver light of dawn. Shall there be

ox and ass keep-ing watch In the sil-ver-y light of dawn. Shall there be

*rit.*

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

*pp* *f* *pp* *f* *div.* *f* *div. unis.* *mp* *f*

36

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!

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

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,

div.

Flow - ers can flou - rish And\_ crea-tures and birds u-rish, ea - gle to fawn,

45

rit. *f* unis. *ff* **Maestoso** *fff* unis. div.

Raise joy-ous song in praise, this hap-py dawn, Raise joy-ous song in

unis. *ff* dawn *fff* unis.

Raise joy-ous song in praise, this hap-py, glo - ri - ous, hap-py dawn, Raise joy-ous song in

*ff* glo - ri - ous, hap-py dawn, *fff*

Raise joy-ous song in praise, this hap-py dawn, Raise joy-ous song in

**Tempo primo**

praise, this hap-py dawn!

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praise, this hap-py dawn!

*ff*

*fff*

*Ped.*

**molto rit.**

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ter - nal joy!" sang the an-gels, from Hea-ven; Ma - ry and

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

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*fff*

*molto*

*p*

*pp*

*pp dolce*

*pp unis.*

*molto*

*p*

*pp*

*Ped.*

61

Jo - seph 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,

*p* div. unis. *p* unis. *p* with won - der and

*mp* *mf*

And a 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  
 with joy. 3. 'Bless all on earth', sang the an-gels from

*mp* *p* *mp* *p* unis. *mp* *p*

poco a poco stringendo al Tempo 1 . . . . .

72

*mp*

far a-way, 'Crea - tures all shall in har-mo-ny peace-f'lly lay';

*mp*

far a-way, 'Crea - tures all shall in har-mo-ny peace-f'lly lay';

*mp* *div.* *unis.* *div. unis.*

far, sang all from far a - way, 'Crea - tures all shall in har-mo-ny peace - f'lly, peace-f'lly,

*p* *mp*

77

*mf*

'Kind-ness to each oth - er, was the mes-sage, mes-sage of glo-ry all did con - vey:

*mf* *unis.* *div.* *unis.* *div.*

'Kind-ness to each oth - er', was the mes-sage of glo - ry all did con - vey: -

*div.* *mf*

peace-f'lly lay; 'Kind-ness to each oth - er', was the mes-sage of glo - ry all did con - vey:

*mf*

*Ped.*



82 *f* unis. *div.* **Tempo 1** *ff* rit. **Maestoso** ♩ = 72 *fff* unis.

Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous day, Prai - ses of love and

*ff* day, *fff* unis. *div.*

Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous, prai - ses of love and y, Prai - ses of love and

*ff* prai - ses of love and *fff*

Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous, day, Prai - ses of love and

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

*div.*

joy, this won-d'rous day!

*div.* *ff*

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