

THIS BRIGHTEST OF DAYS!

a carol for Christmas

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Poco maestoso ♩ = 88

allarg. a tempo

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

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Piano (or organ, adapting as necessary) *ff*

6

days! Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss-ful gaze!

days! Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss - ful, bliss-ful, *ff*

born, is born this bright-est of days! Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss - ful, bliss-ful, *ff*

days! Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss-ful gaze! *ff*

born, is born this bright-est of days! Hap - py dawn, we sa-lute with bliss - ful, bliss-ful, *ff*

div. unis. div. *ff*

11

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,

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

f

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

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Ba - by

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

cresc. *ff* *p*

21

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

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27

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

keep-ing watch o'er 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

Shall there be

Je-sus lies sleep-ing peace-f'lly, With his moth-er Ma-ry Jo-seph stand-ing by,

31

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

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

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

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

mp f ff

36

8 no - men - tous e - vent, Je - sus Christ, our sa - viour, born!

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

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

8 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,
f
 Flow - ers can flou - rish And crea - tures and birds can flou - rish, ea - gle to fawn,
unis.
 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,
rit. *ff* *Maestoso*
 hap - py, glo - ri - ous hap - py dawn, // *fff*
unis. *div.* *unis.*
 Raise joy - ous song in praise, this hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in
 // *fff*
 Raise joy - ous song in praise, this hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in
 hap - py dawn, // *fff*
unis.
 Raise joy - ous song in praise, this hap - py, glo - ri - ous, hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in
 // *fff*
ff *div.* *unis.*
 Raise joy - ous song in praise. this hap - py dawn, Raise joy - ous song in

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div. // **Tempo primo**

molto rit.

praise, this hap-py dawn!

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praise, this hap-py dawn!

ff

Ped.

C

a tempo

rit.

Meno mosso

fff unis. 'E - ter - nal joy! sang the an-gels, from Hea-ven; Ma - ry and Jo - seph were

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

fff *molto* *p* *pp* unis. 'E - ter - nal joy! sang the an-gels, from Hea-ven; In Beth - le-hem they were

fff *molto* *p* *pp* div. 'E - ter - nal joy! sang the an-gels, from Hea-ven; In Beth - le-hem they were

mp

Ped.

62 *p* *rit. div.*

trans-fix'd with joy, with joy, were trans-fix'd with joy, with

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

p unis. trans-fix'd with won-der and joy, were trans-fix'd with

p trans-fix'd with joy, with joy, were trans-fix'd with joy, with

Ancora meno mosso $\text{♩} = 56$

D

68 *mp* *p* unis.

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

mp *p* won-der and joy. 3. 'Bless all on earth', sang the an-gels from far a-way, sang all from

mp *p* joy. 3. 'Bless all on earth', sang the an-gels from far a-way,

mp *p* joy. 3. 'Bless all on earth', sang the an-gels from far, sang all from

poco a poco stringendo al Tempo 1

73 *mp*

'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, peace - f'lly, peace-f'lly lay;

mp unis. div.

'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, peace-f'lly, peace-f'lly lay;

p mp

78 *mf* div.

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

mf

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

mf div.

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

mf div.

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

mf

Red

f **Tempo 1** rit. **Maestoso** ♩ = 72 11

82

unis. *ff* won-d'rous, prai - ses of love and joy, // *fff* unis.
Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous day, Prai - ses of love and

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

unis. *ff* won-d'rous day, // *fff* unis.
Prai-ses of love and joy this won-d'rous, prai - ses love and joy, Prai - ses of love and

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

all. **Tempo 1** ♩ = 88 allarg. a tempo allarg. . . .

87

joy, this won-d'rous day!

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joy, this won-d'rous day!

Ped.