

A Grand Georgian Christmas with Gabrieli Roar

November - December 2024

Teacher's Resource Pack

Gabrieli Roar A Grand Georgian Christmas

Christmas Tour 2024

Welcome to the teachers' music pack for Gabrieli Roar's Christmas tour, November 27th to December 11th in Portsmouth, Norwich, Ely, Coventry, Blackburn, and Carlisle Cathedrals, Hull and York Minsters, ending in the South West in Exeter and Truro Cathedrals, and Bristol St Mary Redcliffe.

Following our hugely successful Praetorius tour in 2022, we will be working with over 5000 young people from Cumbria to Cornwall and from Durham to Kent. The purpose of this enterprise is to connect young choirs up and down the land in partnership, and to encourage more young people to connect with classical music. As you will see, the programme offers opportunities for established choirs capable of singing in parts, but there are also simpler pieces which enable those new to singing to join in this magnificent music.

The programme explores English music for parish churches in the Georgian period, spanning the century from around 1740. This tradition, sometimes referred to as 'Psalmody' or 'Gallery Music' embraces many kinds of music, from simple hymns and 'fuguing tunes' to more elaborate anthems; as many country churches lacked organs, the music was often led by an ensemble of singers and a mixed band of instruments from a gallery in the west end of the church. Many now-forgotten composers wrote music in the late baroque and nascent classical style, but equally it was common to retext well-known music by Handel, Haydn, Purcell and others. Much of the music is robust and cheerful and well connected to folk traditions: the Christmas repertoire especially so.

For the tour, Gabrieli's dozen singers will lead the choirs, and the band will comprise strings, flutes, clarinets, bassoons, horns, trumpets, drums, organ, harpsichord, ophicleide and, (how could we not?) two very special serpents. It's worth reading Thomas Hardy's wonderful description of a village band in 'Under the Greenwood Tree', which still paints a vivid picture of 19th Century music making.

There are three excellent and well-known recordings of this repertoire by Peter Holman and the Parley of Instruments: Nativity, While Shepherds Watched, and Haydn and his English Friends, which are widely available and contain most of the pieces we will perform. We're grateful to Peter for his help, and especially to Sally Drage who is the great expert on this repertoire and who has kindly provided most of the material here, with permission to use for the tour and in schools.

We are hoping that this material will be useful for your own carol concerts. The solo parts are often quite simple and might be sung by more confident singers. Likewise, the instrumental parts are hardly virtuoso; the beauty is that there is no right or wrong, and parts can be taken by whatever players you have to hand in your school.

The music here is marked 'stage choir' and 'big choir' as agreed in advance. Please contact Anna (anna@gabrieli.com) or Freya (freya@gabrieli.com) if you need clarification on what your choir should sing. We've made notes after every piece which we hope will be helpful. If you would also like the orchestral parts, please let Anna and Freya know and we can send them to you.

Hugely looking forward to working with you all later this year.

Paul McCreesh, Artistic Director Charles MacDougall and Emily Dickens, Creative Directors

A Grand Georgian Christmas

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Who is singing each piece?

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	Lo, he comes with clouds descending - arr Edward Miller of Doncaster	Y	Y	Y	Υ
B Shepherds	There were shepherds abiding the fields - Thomas Jarman of Clipstone	Υ	Υ		
	Pifa 1 - instrumental				
	While shepherds watched their fleecy care - Thomas Key of Nuneaton	Υ	Υ		
	Pifa 2 - instrumental				
	While Shepherds watched their flocks by night - Thomas Clark of Canterbury	Υ	Υ	Y	
C At the Manger	Adeste Fideles - Wade arr Novello	Y	Υ	Υ	
	Hush! My Dear, Lie Still and Slumber - Anon arr Thomas Butts	Υ			
	Give to God our thankful songs - Haydn, arr. William Gardiner of Leicester	Y	Υ		
D Angels	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Georgia) - Handel arr Edward Miller of Doncaster	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
-	Strike, Seraph Strike! - John Fawcett of Bolton	Υ	Υ		
	Hark! How All the Welkin Rings - Anon arr Thomas Butts	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Encore	While shepherds watched (Old Foster) - John Foster of High Green, Yorkshire	Υ	Υ	Υ	

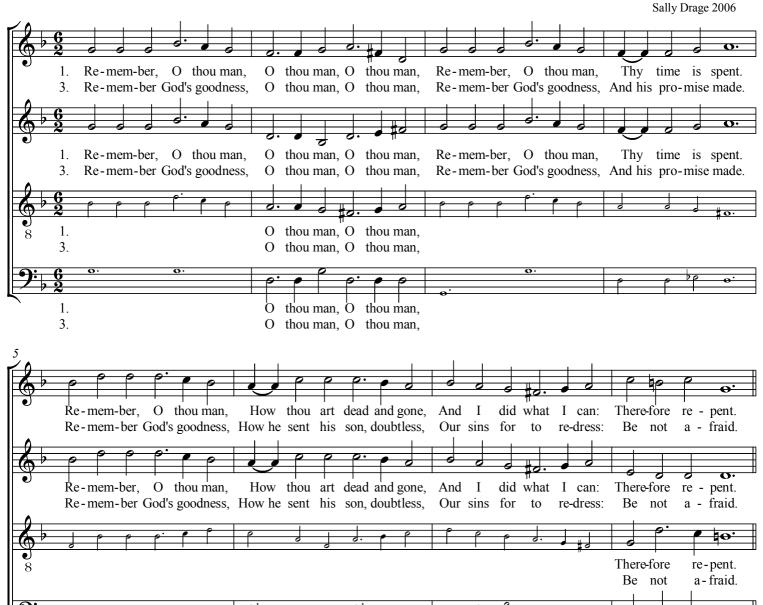
Remember O Thou Man

A Christmas Carroll

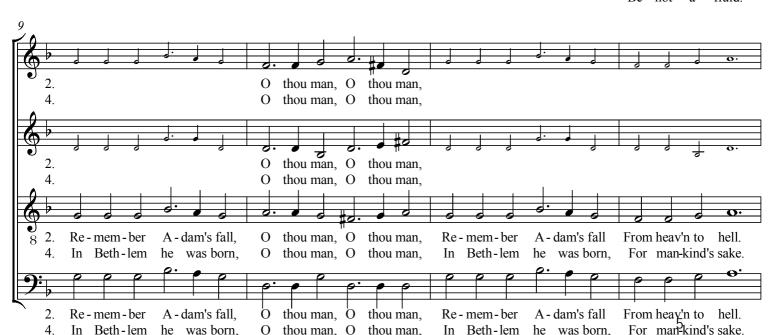
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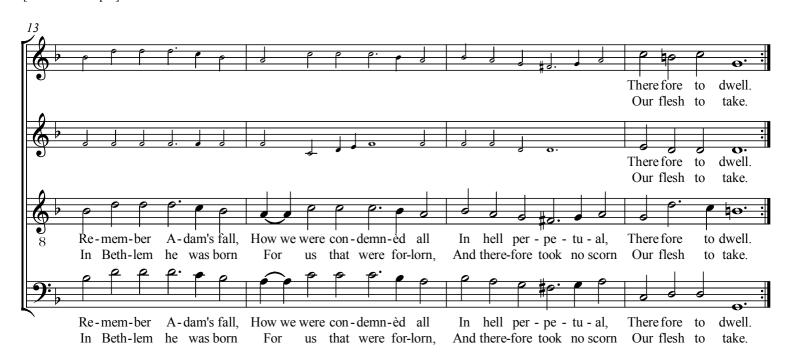
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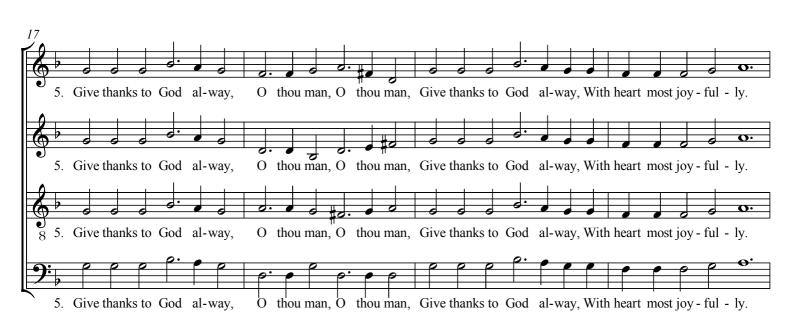
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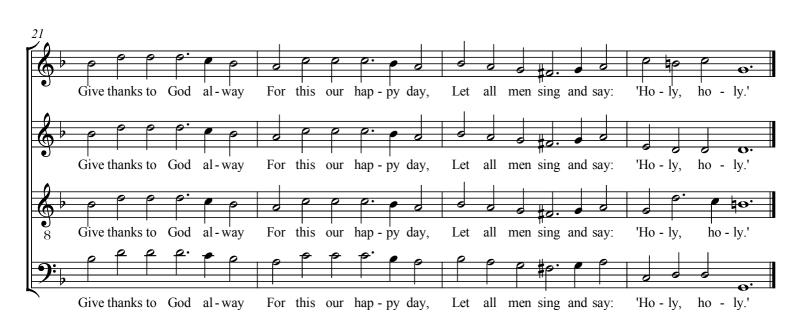


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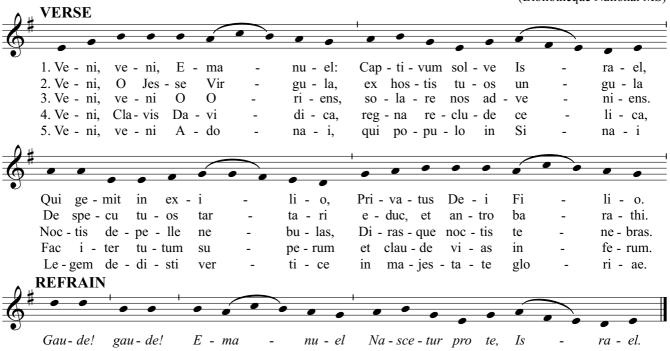


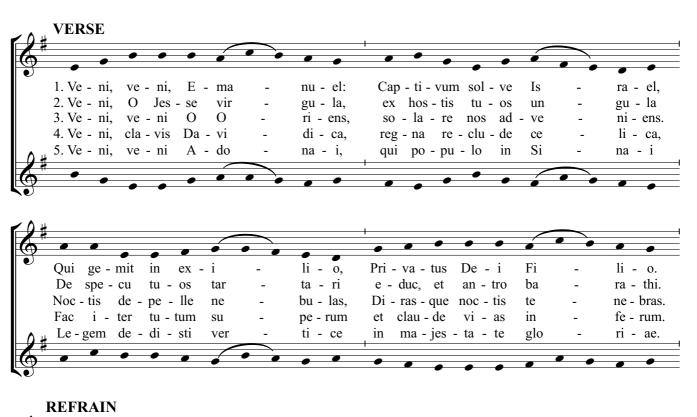




Veni Emanuel

13th Century (Bibliothèque National MS)





Veni Emanuel



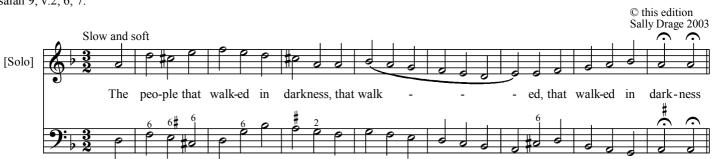


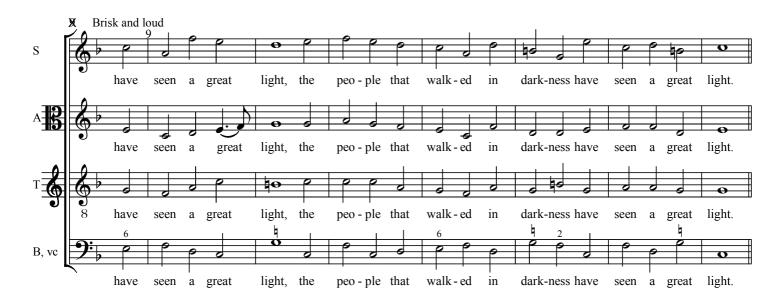


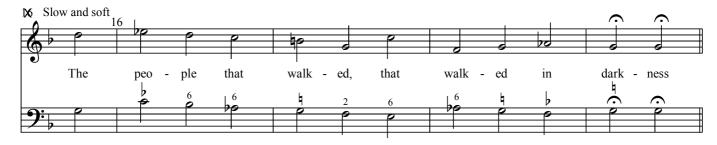
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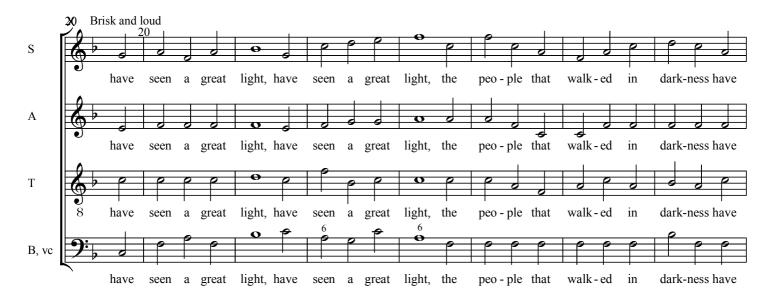
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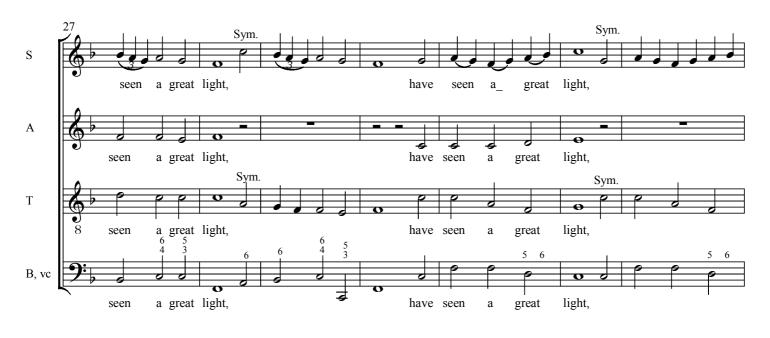


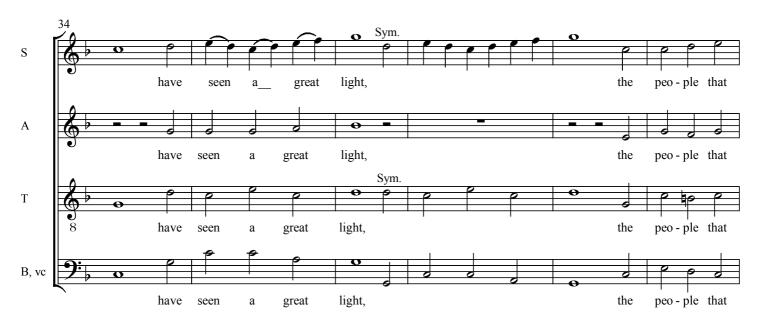


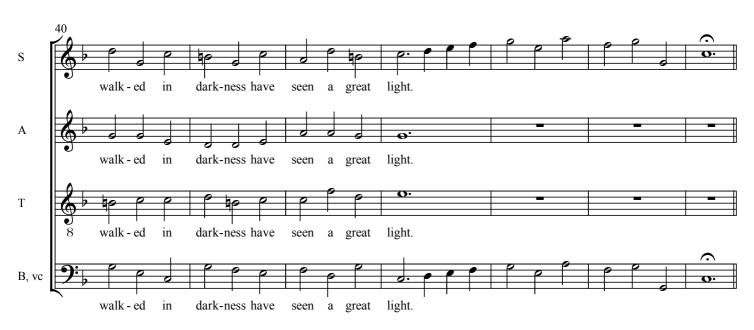




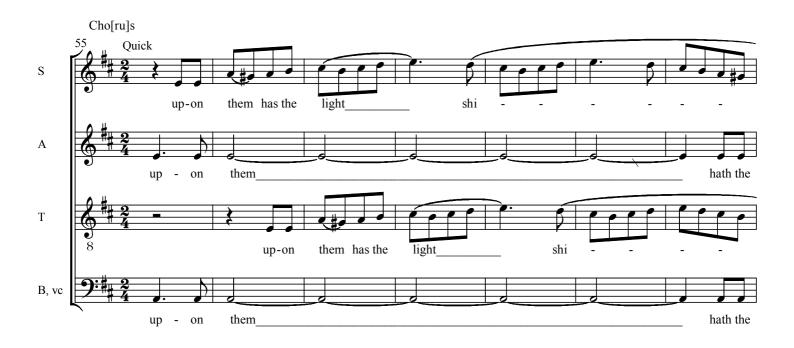
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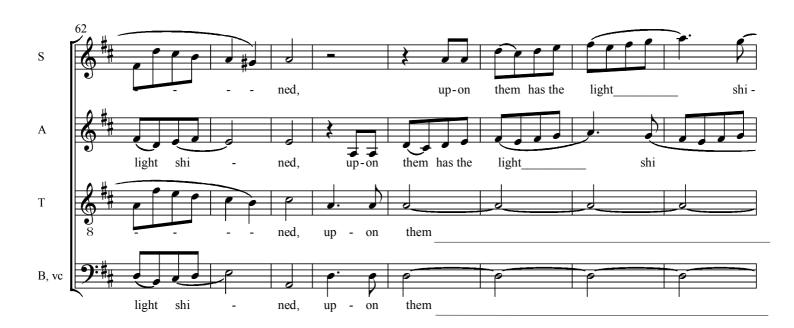










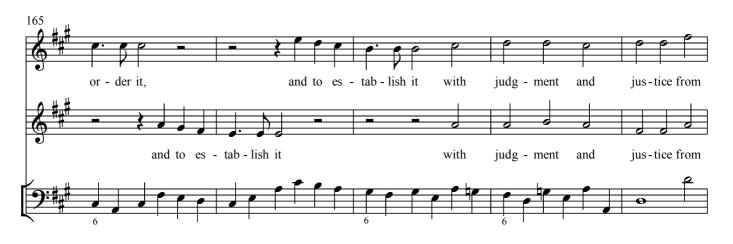


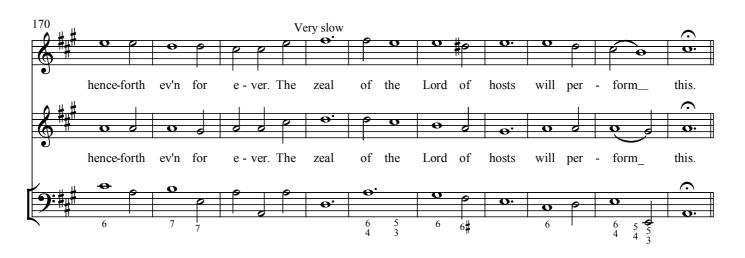


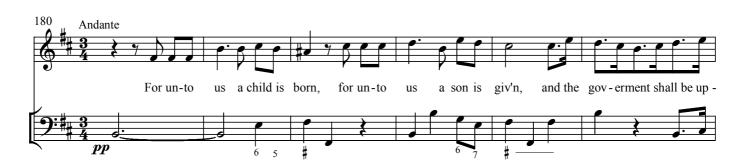






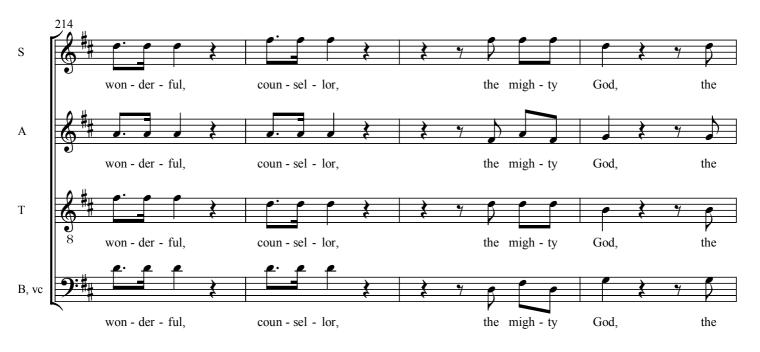


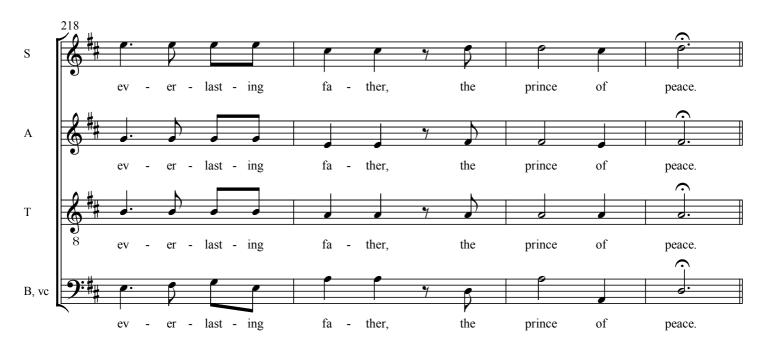








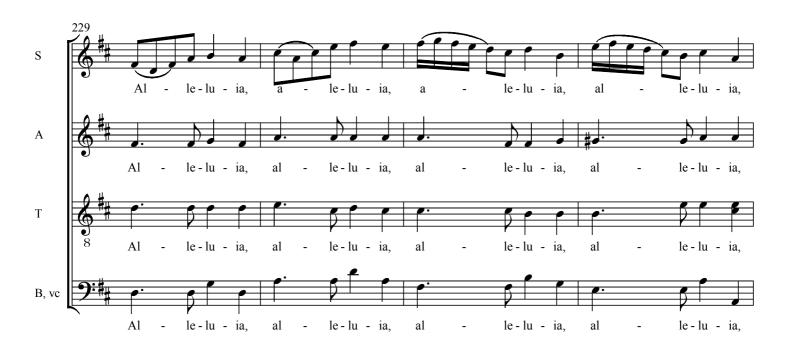






[Hill - p.11 - voices]







Lo, He comes with clouds descending

Martin Madan? (1725-1790) David's Harp (London, c.1803) arr: Edward Miller of text: John Cennick / Charles Wesley Doncaster (1735-1807) © this edition Sally Drage 2001 with fa-vour'd clouds de Once for Lo he comes scend ing, sin ners slain: Robed in dread-ful 2. Ev' shall be hold him eye now ma jes ty; rv The his_ Still his daz-zling dear to kens of pas sion, bo dy bears, 4. Yea, men! Let all dore thee, High on thy throne; a a e ter nal he with de Once for fa-vour'd Lo comes clouds scend - ing sin ners slain: 2. Ev' shall be hold him Robed in dread-ful eve now ma jes ty; ry 3. The dear to kens of his_ pas sion. Still his daz-zling bo dy bears. Yea. a men! Let all a dore thee, High on thy ter nal throne; he comes with clouds de scend ing, Once for fa - vour'd sin ners slain; 2 Ev' - ry shall Robed in dread-ful be hold him eye now ma jes ty; dy The dear of 3. kens his Still his daz-zling bo to sion. bears. pas Yea, Let all dore Thee, thy nal throne; a men! a High on e ter Thou Swell the tri-umph sand thou sand saints at tend ing, of his train: sold Pierced and nailed him Those who set at nought_ and him, to the tree. ship Cause of end ul To his ran-somed less ex ta tion wor pers: -Sa viour, take the power and glo ry, Claim the king-dom for thine own: Thou sand thou sand saints at tend ing, Swell the tri-umph of his train Those who set at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him the tree, to Cause of end less ex ul ta tion To his ran-somed wor ship pers: Sa viour, take the power and glo ry, Claim the king-dom for thine own: $\hat{}$ Swell the tri-umph tend ing, his Thou-sand thou of sand at saints train nought Those who sold Pierced and nailed him the at and him, set to tree. pers: Cause of end less ul ta tion his ran-somed wor ship ex the Claim the king-dom thine Sa - viour, take power and glo ry, for own: lu - jah, le - lu - jah, lu jah. Hal hal le. hal ĺе God pears, on earth to reign. ap ly wail-ing, wail - ing, wail - ing, Deep - ly Shall the true Mes - si - ah see. deen deen lv With what rap-ture, what with rap - ture on those glor-ious scars. with rap - ture, what Gaze we Jah. Je - ho - vah. Jah, Je ho - vah, Jah. Je ho - vah Е ver last - ing God, come down. Hal le - lu - jah, le lu - jah, hal le lu jah, God pears on earth to reign. ap Deep ly wail-ing, deep ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, Shall the true Mes si - ah on those With what rap-ture, with with what rap - ture Gaze glor-ious scars. what rap - ture, we Jah, Je - ho - vah, Jah, Je ho - vah, Jah, Je ho _ vah, Е ver last - ing God, come down. jah, Hal le lu - jah, hal le lu jah, hal le God ap pears on earth to reign. lu ly Deep deep wail - ing, deep Shall the ly true Mes ly wail-ing, wail ing, si - ah see. With what rap-ture. with what with what Gaze we on those glor-ious scars. rap - ture, rap ture Jah. Je ho - vah, Jah, Je ho vah. Jah, Je ho vah. E - ver last - ing God, come down.

original stave order: ASB; original key A major; last words of v.1 originally 'earth again'; v.2-4 added; small accompaniment notes excluded

For Christmas Day

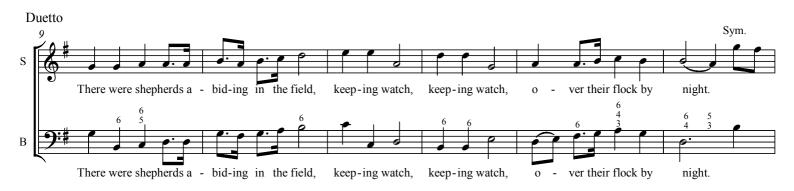
Also adapted for those who celebrate the birth of Christ, in the open air, early in the morning.

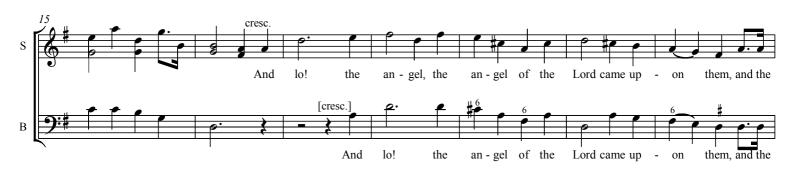
There were shepherds abiding in the field

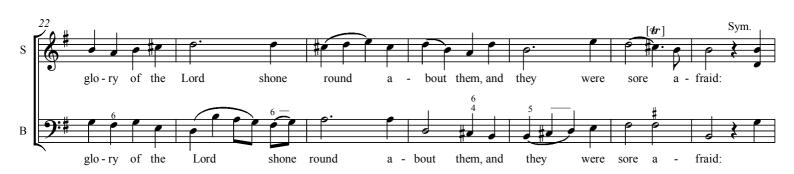
The Voice of Melody (London, c.1830) text: St Luke ch.2 v.8

Thomas Jarman of Clipstone (1776-1861)

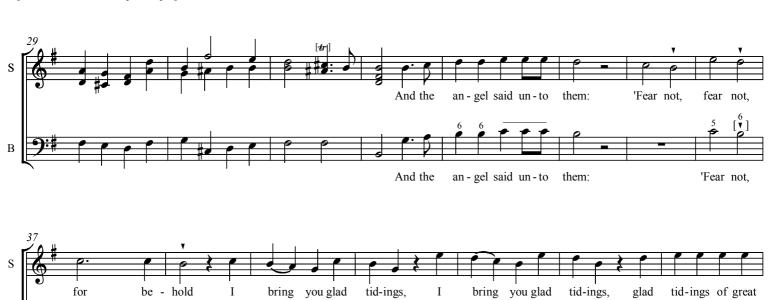








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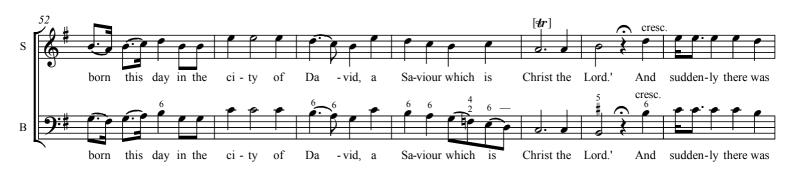
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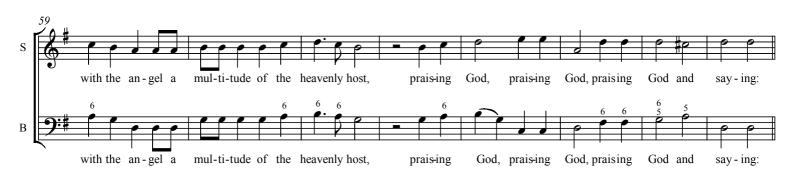
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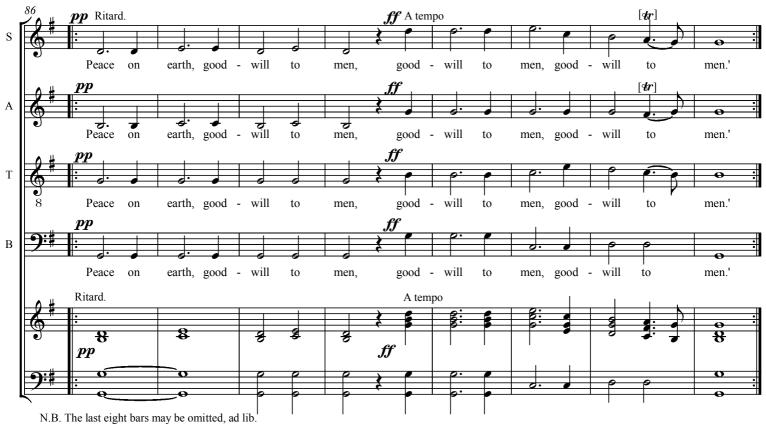
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emendation:

bar 28 - soprano minim originally dotted

While Shepherds watched their fleecy care

Five Anthems, Four Collects [etc.] (London, 1785) (Key)

A Collection of Anthems and Psalms (Nuneaton, c. 1790) (Collins)

Joseph Key of Nuneaton (d.1784)

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Symphony (Thomas Collins)

[The addition of this symphony was suggested by Blaise Compton]



- In Bethl'em town this blessed morn, The Saviour of Mankind is born; Born of a spotless virgin pure, Free from all sin, from guilt secure.
- 3. Arise, your tender care forsake, With hasty steps your journey take, To David's city, there you'll find The great Redeemer of Mankind.

- In swaddling clothes the Babe behold, No costly garb his limbs unfold, Laid in a manger there you'll see The pattern of humility.
- 5. To save us from eternal death
 The great Messiah came on earth.
 Then let us with united voice,
 In hallelujahs all rejoice.

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While Shepherds Watched their flocks by night



 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind),
 'Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.

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- 3. 'To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign:
- 'The heav'nly babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid.'

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- 5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels, praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song:
- 6. 'All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease.'

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emendations: original text 'Grace 'tis a charming sound' alto transposed down an octave alto bar 6 2nd beat quavers originally even

round.

Cranbrook

Thomas Clark









O come, all pe Faithful.



O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (ADESTE FIDELES).







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O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (ADESTE FIDELES).







How much better Thourt attended Than the Son of GOD could be , When from Heaven he defcended. And became a Child like Thee! Soft and eafy is thy Cradle: Coarfe and hard thy Saviour lay; When his Birth place was a Stable, And his foftest Bed was Hay .

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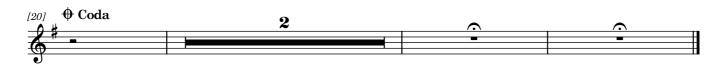
See the simple Shepherds round him, Telling Wonders from the Sky; There they fought him, there they found him, With his Virgin Mother by . Lo, he flumbers in his Manger, Where the Horned Oxen fed; Peace, my Darling here's no danger, Here's no Ox a near thy Bed .

'Twas to fave Thee, Child, from dying, Save my Dear from burning Flame, Bitter Groans, and endles Crying, That thy bleft Redeemer came . Mayst Thou live to know & fear him, Trust and love him all thy days ! Then go dwell for ever near him, See his Face, and fing his Praife .

Give to God our thankful songs



2 Choral Score



















Bass

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Dr Watts's Psalms and Hymns, set to new music... (London, [1800])

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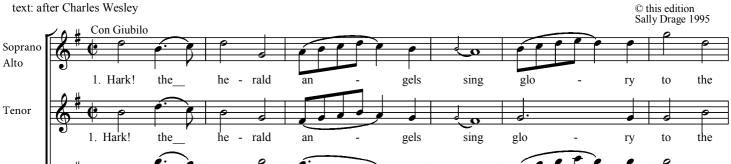
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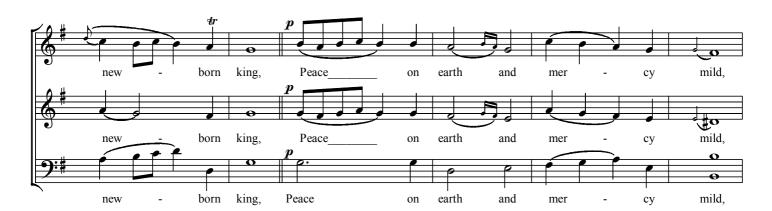
G.F.Handel (1685-1759) arr. Edward Miller of Doncaster (1735-1807)

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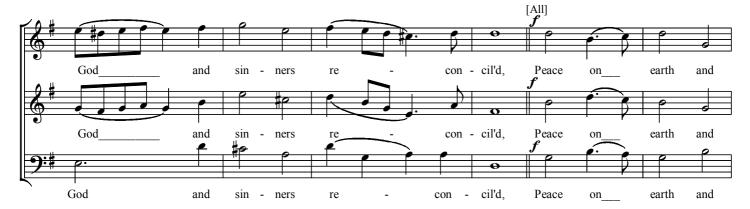


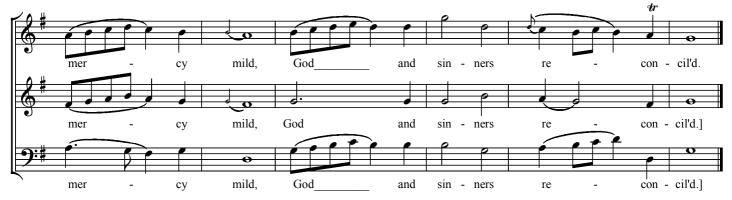


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- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
- 3. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity: Pleased as man with men to appear, Jesus our Immanuel here.
- 4. Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings.
- 5. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

Strike! seraphs, strike your harps of gold

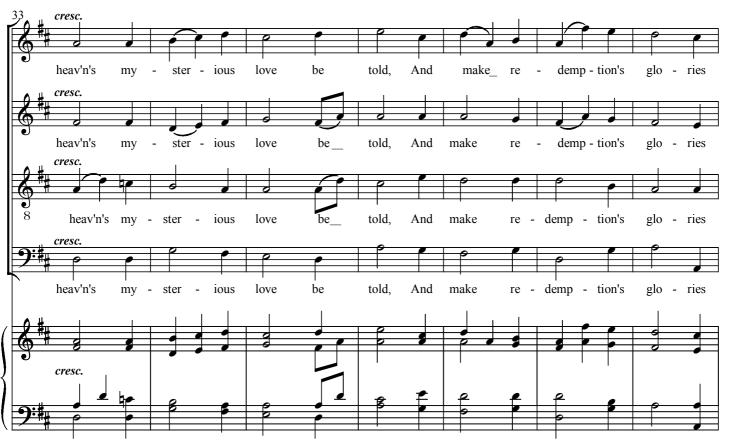
A NEW CHRISTMAS PIECE















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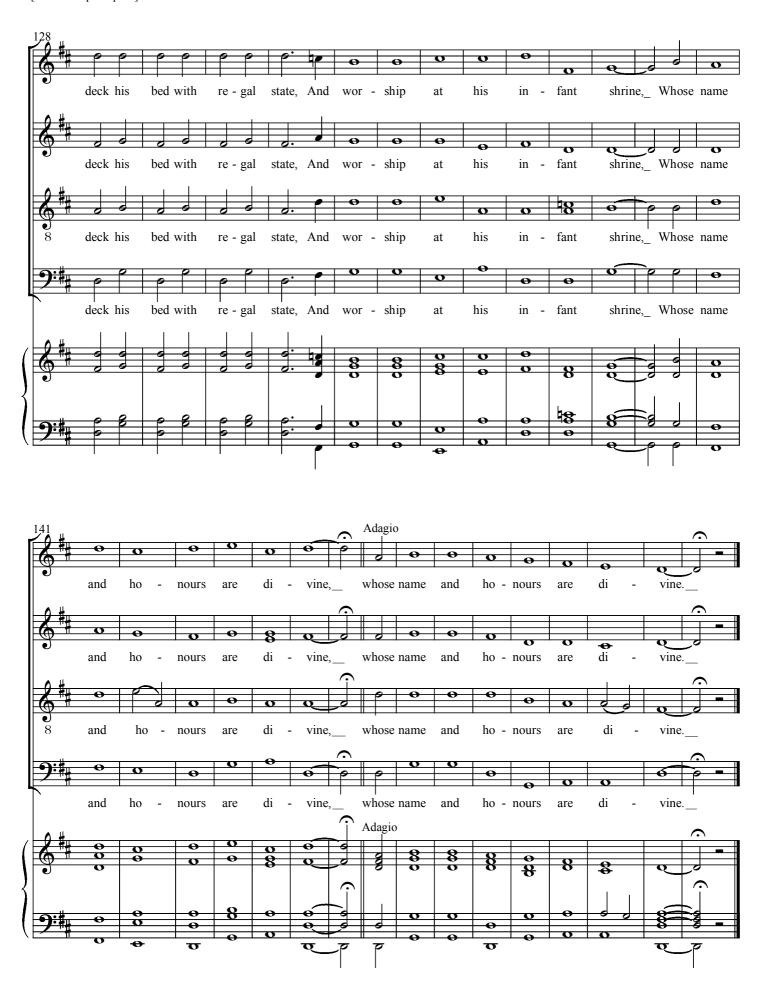


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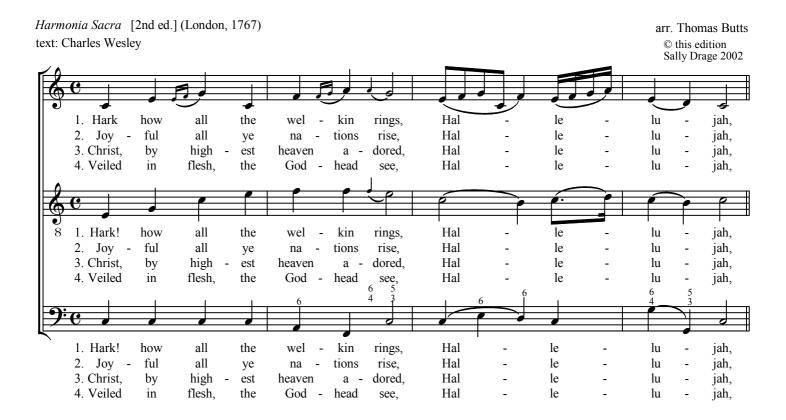


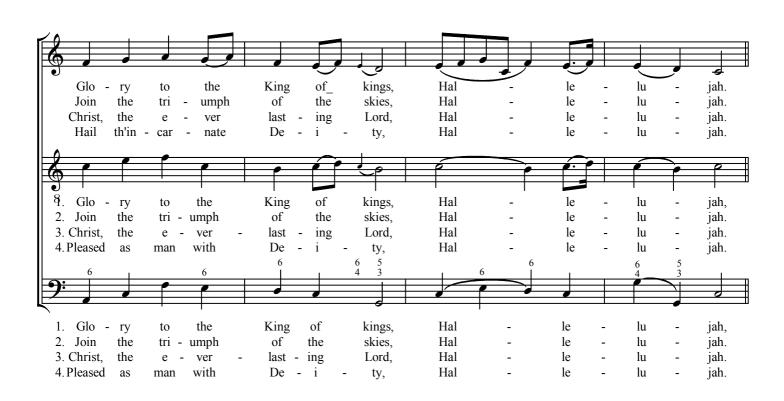


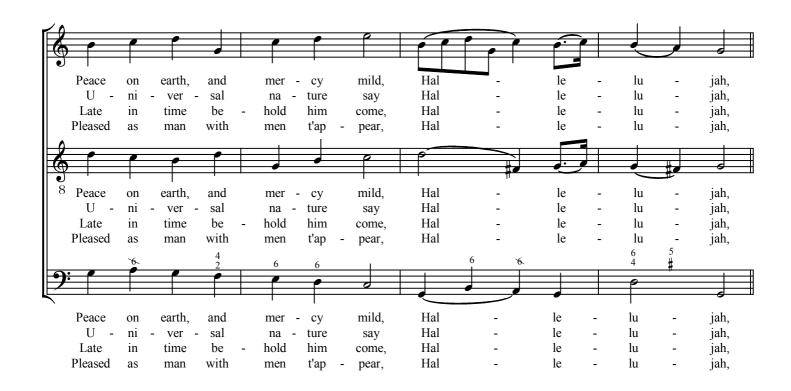


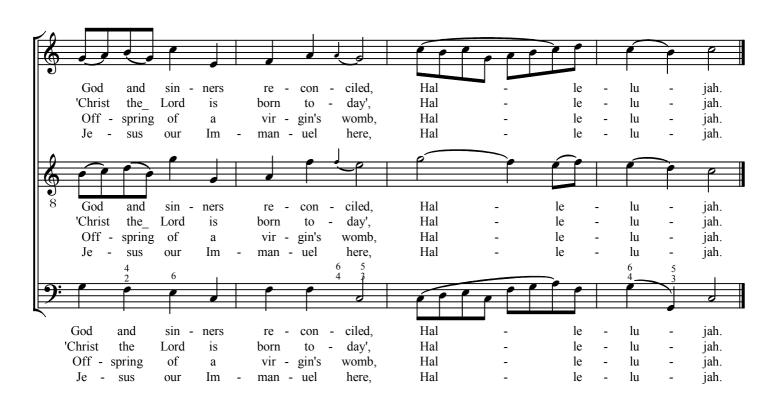


Hark! How All the Welkin Rings









emendations: verses 5 to 9 omitted, originally in D major, tenor originally 8va higher

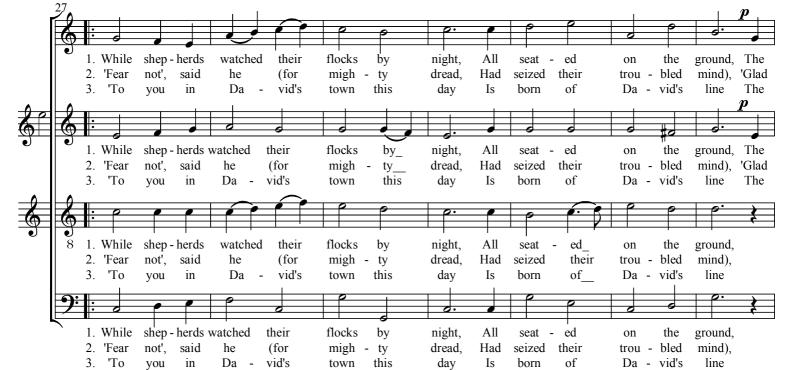
A 2d Collection of Sacred Music (York, [c.1817])

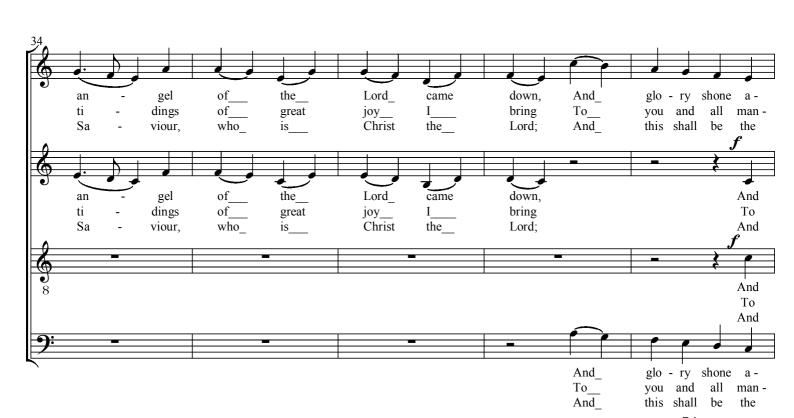
While shepherds watched their

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John Foster (1752-1822)

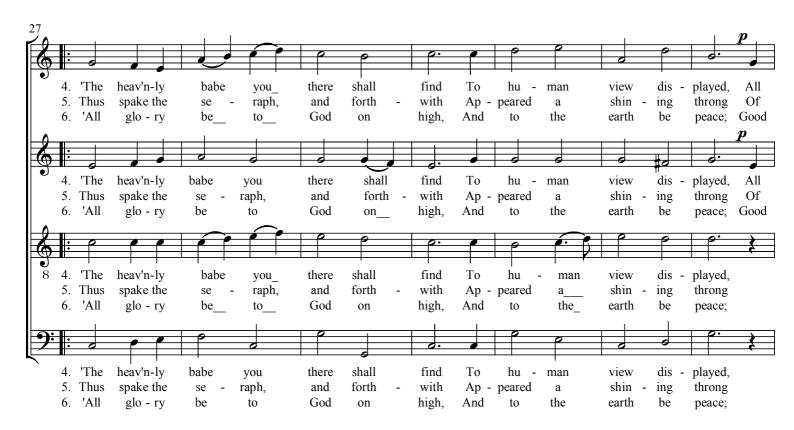




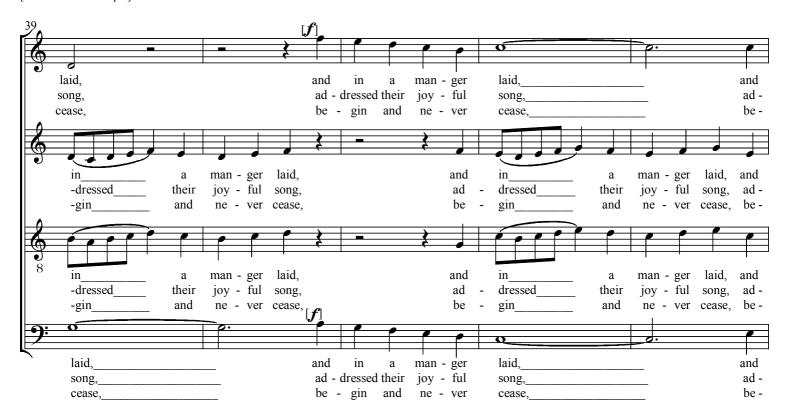


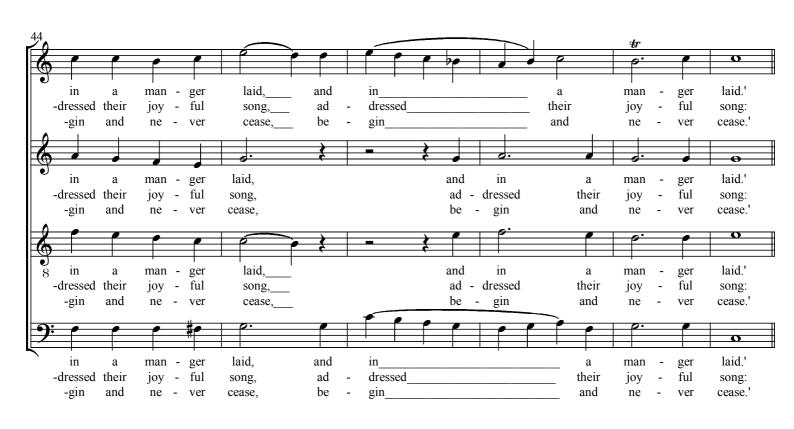


[PTO v.4 to 6]











Appendix

Remember O Thou Man ?Thomas Ravenscroft

Source: Melismata (London, 1611)

Reference to a recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?

v=Fd8iMnk07cU&ab_channel=ChoirofKing%27sCollege%2CCambridge-Topic

Performance notes (tour): This number will be sung by Gabrielis alone

Performance notes (schools): There are all manner of options - the unison line could be sung as

a solo, with choral or instrumental refrains (O thou man/Thy time is spent)

Veni Emanuel

Traditional, ?13th Century

Source: Ancient melody, ?13th Century

Arrangement details: The two-part version is ancient and may origniate from a nunnery. The

four-part version is arranged by Ben Parry.

Other information: Its complex history is summarised in New Oxford Book of Carols. The tune

was first published in Neale and Helmore's Hymnal Noted

(1854)

Reference to a recording:

Example of plainchant - https://www.youtube.com/watch?

v=5nRtnWlUfnl&ab_channel=WestminsterChoir-Topic

Example of two-part chant - https://www.youtube.com/watch?

v=4fMia12dVdQ&t=5s&ab_channel=ccwatershed

Performance notes (tour): In latin, 5 verses

Performance notes (schools): Numerous options - there are many other settings with organ in

Carols for Choirs

The people that walked in darkness

John Hill of Rugby

Source: Hill's Church Music 4 (London, 1790), Text: Isaiah 9, v.2, 6, 7

Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Other information: This is a more extensive piece in anthem style, which sets a text familiar

from Handel's Messiah.

Reference to a recording: Nativity, Christmas Music from Georgian England, The Parley of

Instruments, Psalmody, Peter Holman: Track 4

Performance notes (tour): Choruses to be performed by Stage Choir

Tempi: b.9 and b.20, dotted minim = 60

b.55 in one, approx. minim = 69

b.109, crochet = 120

b. 222 in two, minim = 66

Lo, He comes with clouds descending arr Edward Miller of Doncaster

Source: David's Harp (London, c.1803), Text: John Cennick/Charles Wesley Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Reference to a recording: *Nativity, Christmas Music from Georgian England,* The Parley of Instruments, Psalmody, Peter Holman: Track 5

Performance notes (tour): This famous Wesley Hymn is sung to the tune now known as Helmsley. The melody line is sung by sopranos and tenors, with an alto line and bass line below. In churches with organs was traditional for the organist to play interludes between each verse - Samuel Sebastian Wesley and Mendelsohnn, with many others, have left examples of the form.

Note the appoggiaturas in bars 1, 4, 5, and 8 are half the value of the note length.

There were shepherds abiding the fields Thomas Jarman of Clipstone

Source: The Voice of Melody (London, c. 1830), Text: St Luke ch.2 v.8 Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched, Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740–1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 11 Performance notes: Big Chorus will join in for choruses

While shepherds watched their fleecy care Thomas Key of Nuneaton

Source: Five Anthems, Four Collects (London, 1785)

Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched, Christmas Music from English Parish

Churches, 1740–1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 7

While Shepherds watched their flocks by night Thomas Clark of Canterbury

Source: A Set of Psalm and Hymn Tunes (London, 1805)

Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Other information and performance notes: This is a comparativley rare example of a sacred tune which is now better known as a secular tune: On Ilkley Moore Bar t'At. With the imitative entries, it owes something to the tradition of fuguing tunes. Also included is a cheerful symphony, written by Peter Holman, which will played before each verse (reprinted with kind permission).

For further background history, see also New Oxford Book of Carols no.46 p.134 Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched, Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740–1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 9

Adeste Fideles Wade arr Vincent Novello

Source: The Musical Times, No.166 (London, n.d.[1856])

Arrangement details: Vincent Novello

Other information: The background to this carol is lost in obscurity. It first appears in English sources in the mid-18th Century and has strong Catholic connections. The verse you hear appeared in the mid-19th Century, rather charmingly arranged for small orchestra, solo quartet, and chorus.

For further background history, see New Oxford Book of Carols no.70 p.238. Reference to a recording: *Nativity, Christmas Music from Georgian England*, The Parley of Instruments/Psalmody, Peter Holman: Track 17

Hush! My dear, Lie Still and Slumber Anon arr Thomas Butts

Source: Harmonia Sacra, London, 1767 Arrangement details: Thomas Butts

Other information: An early version of what became a popular American hymn. Like many cradle songs, this may well have been performed in a domestic setting For further background history, see New Oxford Book of Carols no.15 p.410. Performance notes: This will be sung by a solo member of the Gabrielis. Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched: Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740–1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 6

Give to God our thankful songs Haydn, arr William Gardiner of Leicester

Source: Sacred Melodies from Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven (London, 1812) Arrangement details: William Gardiner

Other information: William Gardiner was a hosier from Leicester and a Haydn enthusiast, who allegedly sent the composer 6 pairs of stockings, embroiderd with themes of his works. He published a series of volumes of sacred music, based on themes by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and others; this reworking of Haydn's Emperor Variations is particularly charming. The text has been further adapted by Paul McCreesh to make it appropriate for Christmas.

Reference to a recording: Haydn and his English Friends, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 8

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Handel arr Edward Miller of Doncaster

Source: Dr Watts's Psalms and Hymns, set to new music (London, [1800]), Text: after

Charles Wesley

Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Performance notes (tour): Hark! The Herald Angels Sing was sung to a great number of different tunes. This, an adaptation of Handel's chorus "See, lo the conquering hero comes", was one of the most popular.

In accordance with gallery traditions, the top two lines should be doubled by tenors or baritones to give a particularly rich vocal texture. Again this carol will be sung with organ interludes. The second half of the verse is always repeated. Note that the appoggiaturas are half the length of the value of the note.

Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched: Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740–1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 8

Strike! seraphs Strike

John Fawcett of Bolton

Source: The Voice of Harmony, 16, 17 (London c.1840)

Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Performance notes (tour): To be performed by the Stage Choir. This anthem may have been written for a music festival as it is scored for large classical orchestra, and may have been written for the Bolton Philharmonic Society.

Reference to a recording: Nativity: Christmas Music from Georgian England, The Parley of Instruments/Psalmody, Peter Holman: Track 1

Hark! How All the Welkin Rings Anon arr Thomas Butts

Source: Harmonia Sacra [2nd ed.] (London, 1767), Text: Charles Wesley

Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched: Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740–1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 5

Encore: While shepherds watched their flocks by night, 'Old Foster' John Foster

Source: A 2nd Collection of Sacred Music (York, [c.1817]), Text: Nahum Tate, 170

Arrangement details: Sally Drage

Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched, Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740–1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 15