

# Christmas Day

## Choral Fantasy on Old Carols

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**Allegretto** ♩ = 96

*mp* Solo or section

ALTO

Good Chris - tian men, re - joyce ——— With heart, and soul, and  
*friends*

**Allegretto** ♩ = 96

ORGAN

*p*  
*man.*

6

A.

voice; ——— Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je - sus Christ is

11

A.

born to - day: Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.

16

A.

Christ is born to - day! ——— Christ is born to - day!

21

26 *mf*

S. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ With heart, and soul, and voice; \_\_\_\_\_

A. *mf* Good Chris - tian men, re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ With heart, and soul, and voice; \_\_\_\_\_

T. *mf* Good Chris - tian men, re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ With heart, and soul, and voice; \_\_\_\_\_

B. *mf* Good Chris - tian men, re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ With heart, and soul, and voice; \_\_\_\_\_

*ped.*

31

S. Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day:

A. Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day:

T. Give ye heed\_ to what we say: \_\_\_\_\_ News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day:

B. Give ye heed\_ to what we say: \_\_\_\_\_ News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day:

36

S. Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, and He is in the man - ger now, Christ is born to -

A. Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, and He is in the man - ger now, Christ is born to -

T. Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, and He is in the man - ger now, Christ is born to -

B. Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, and He is in the man - ger now, Christ is born to -

41

S. day! — Christ is born to - day!

A. day! — Christ is born to - day!

T. day! — Christ is born to - day!

B. day! — Christ is born to - day! *p* \*solo or section God rest you mer - ry, Gen - tle - men, Let

*pp*

*Ped.*

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

\* if solo, Holst's instructions are that the soloist is placed away from the choir.

47

B.   
no - thing you dis - may, Re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vour Was born on Christ - mas day, To




53

B.   
save us all from woe and sin, When we were gone as - tray. O\_\_\_ ti - dings of com - fort and



59

B.   
joy, com - fort and joy, O\_\_\_ ti - dings of com - fort and joy.



*if desired, this may be sung by solo quartet*

64 *mf*

S. In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - ry, This bless - ed Babe was born, And laid with - in a

A. *mf* In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - ry, This bless - ed Babe was born, And laid with - in a

T. *mf* In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - ry, This bless - ed Babe was born, And laid with - in a

B. *mf* In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - ry, This bless - ed Babe was born, And laid with - in a

*p*

70

S. man - ger, Up - on that ho - ly morn; The which His Mo - ther, Ma - ry, Did

A. man - ger, Up - on that ho - ly morn; The which His Mo - ther, Ma - ry, Did

T. man - ger, Up - on that ho - ly morn; The which His Mo - ther, Ma - ry, Did

B. man - ger, Up - on that ho - ly morn; The which His Mo - ther, Ma - ry, Did

75

S. no - thing take in scorn. O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

A. no - thing take in scorn. O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

T. no - thing take in scorn. O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

B. no - thing take in scorn. O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

80

S. joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

A. joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

T. joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

B. joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

RT  
LFT

86

S. *f* Good Chris-tian men, re-

A. *f* Good Chris-tian men, re-

T. *f* Good Chris-tian men, re-

B. *f* Good Chris-tian men, re-

*mf* *p* *f* *ped.*

92

S. joice, With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of end - less bliss:

A. joice, With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of end - less bliss:

T. joice, With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of end - less bliss:

B. joice, With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of end - less bliss:

97

S. Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath oped the heav - 'nly door, And

A. Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath oped the heav - 'nly door, And

T. Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath oped the heav - 'nly door, And

B. Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath oped the heav - 'nly door, And

102

S. man is bless - ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! — Christ was born for

A. man is bless - ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! — Christ was born for

T. man is bless - ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! — Christ was born for

B. man is bless - ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! — Christ was born for



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*f* =  $\dot{}$

S. this! Christ was born for *f*

A. this! Christ was born for *f*

T. this! Christ was born for *f*

B. this! Christ was born for *f*

*p* *f*

115

S. this! Christ was born for this!

A. this! Christ was born for this!

T. this! Christ was born for this!

B. this! Christ was born for this!

*p* *f*

120 *Allegretto*  $\text{♩} = 72$   
*p all*

S. Come, ye lof - ty, come, ye low - ly, Let your songs of glad - ness ring;

*p*

122

S. In a sta - ble lies the Ho - ly, In a man - ger rests the King:

124

S. See, in Ma - ry's arms re - po - sing, Christ by high - est heav'n a - dored:

*man.*

126 *solo or a few sopranos* *mp cantabile*

S. The first No -

S. Come, your cir - cle round Him clo - sing, Pi - ous hearts that love the Lord.

128

S. well the an - - gels did

S.

T. *mp solo or section*

8 Come, ye poor, no pomp of sta - tion Robes the Child your hearts a - dore:

*man.*

130

S. say, Was to cer - - tain poor

T. He, the Lord of all sal - va - tion, Shares your want, is weak and poor:

132

S. shep - - herds in fields as they

T. Ox - en, round a - bout be - hold them; Raf - ters na - ked, cold and bare,

134

S. lay; In fields where

T. See the shep - herds, God has told them That the Prince of Life lies there.

136 *Animato*

S. they lay ——— keep - - ing their

B. *mf solo or section*

Come, ye chil - dren, blithe and mer - ry, This one Child your mod - el make;

*Animato*

138

S. sheep, On a cold win - ter's

B.

Christ - mas hol - ly, leaf, and ber - ry, All be praised for His dear sake;

140

S. night ——— that was ——— so

B.

Come, ye gen - tle hearts, and ten - der, Come ye spi - rits, keen and bold;

142

S. *deep.*

T. *mf tutti*  
No - well, No -

B. All in all your hom - age ren - der, Weak and migh - ty, young and old.

144 *Piu mosso*

S. *f*  
High a - bove a star is shi - ning, And the Wise - men haste from far:

A. *f*  
High a - bove a star is shi - ning, And the Wise - men haste from far:

T. well, *tutti f*  
No - well, no -

B. *tutti f*  
No - well, no -

*Piu mosso*  
*f*  
ped.

146

S. Come, glad hearts, and spi - rits pi - ning: For you all has ris'n the star.

A. Come, glad hearts, and spi - rits pi - ning: For you all has ris'n the star.

T. *f* No - well, no -

B. well, No - well, no -

148

S. Let us bring our poor ob - la - tions, Thanks and love and faith and praise:

A. Let us bring our poor ob - la - tions, Thanks and love and faith and praise:

T. well, Born is the

B. well, Born is the

Allegro ♩ = 104

150

S. come, ye peo- ple, come, ye na- tions, All in all draw night to gaze.

A. come, ye peo- ple, come, ye na- tions, All in all draw night to gaze.

T. King of Is - - - ra - el,

B. King of Is - ra - el, born is the

Allegro ♩ = 104

153

S. No - well, No - well,

A. Born is the King of Is - ra - el,

T. No - well, No - well, No -

B. King of Is - ra - el, born is the King of



158 **poco rit.** **Tempo primo, ma maestoso**

S. No - well, No - well.

A. born is the King of Is - - ra - el.

T. well, No - well. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with

B. Is - ra - el, Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with

*ff*

162 **poco rit.** **Tempo primo, ma maestoso**

S. - - - - -

A. - - - - -

T. heart, and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!

B. heart, and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!

*ff*

167 *ff*

S. News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day: Ox and ass be-

A. News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day: Ox and ass be-

T. Je - sus Christ is born to-day: Ox and ass be -fore Him bow, And He is in the

B. Je - sus Christ is born to-day: Ox and ass be -fore Him bow, And He is in the

172

S. fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now. Christ is born to - day!\_\_\_\_\_

A. fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now. Christ is born to - day!\_\_\_\_\_

T. man - ger now. Christ is born to - day!\_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born to - day!\_\_\_\_\_

B. man - ger now. Christ is born to - day!\_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born to - day!\_\_\_\_\_

177

S. Christ is born to - day! Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;—

A. Christ is born to - day! Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;—

T. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;—

B. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;—

*sempre marcato*

182

S. Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!

A. Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!

T. Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!

B. Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!

187

S. He hath oped the heav'n - ly door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for

A. He hath oped the heav'n - ly door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for

T. He hath oped the heav'n - ly door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for

B. He hath oped the heav'n - ly door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for

192

S. this! Christ was born for this!

A. this! Christ was born for this!

T. this! Christ was born for this!

B. this! Christ was born for this! *\*solo or section p* Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All

\*see instructions, page 3

198 *solo or small group ppp*

S. *solo or small group ppp*  
No - well, No - well,

A. *solo or small group ppp*  
No -

B. you with - in this place, And with true love and bro - ther - hood Each o - ther now em - brace; This

204

S. Born is the King

A. well, No - well,

B. ho - ly tide of Christ - mas All o - thers doth de - face. O ti - dings of com - fort and

210

S. *morendo*

of Is - - - - ra -

B. joy, com - fort and joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy. *morendo*

215 *Piu lento* ♩ = 66

S. el. \_\_\_\_\_

A. *solo or section p*

Good Chris - tian men, re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ With  
*friends*

*Piu lento* ♩ = 66

*ppp*

*man.*

221

A. heart, and soul, and voice; \_\_\_\_\_ Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!

226

A.

Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one, and calls you all, To gain His ev - er -

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S.

*rall.* *ppp* *Adagio*

Christ was born to save!

A.

*ppp* last - ing hall: *\*solo* Christ was born to save!

T.

*ppp* Christ was born to save!

B.

*ppp* Christ was born to save!

*8va* *rall.* *Adagio*

*ped*

\* if the preceding page was not sung as a solo, divide the altos here.