Joy to the World

Anglo-Saxon Carol

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719 (London)

Music: Lowell Mason*, 1848 (Boston)



* The first two bars are from aria "Lift up your heads" of the oratorio Messiah (1742) and the middle part beginning with bar no. 7 recalls the arioso "Comfort ye" from the same oratorio. In addition there is a close resemblance with Wesley's hymn "O Joyful Sound" (1833).











