

# Christians, Awake

Ancient English Christmas Hymn

Arr. : Bernard Dewagtere

Firmly

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Bass, and Piano. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Bass) are currently blank, showing only the staff lines. The piano accompaniment is written in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of two staves (treble and bass clef). The tempo is marked 'Firmly'.

Musical score with lyrics for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Bass (B), and Piano (Pno). The tempo is marked 'a tempo'. The lyrics are: "Chris - tians, a - wake! sa - lute the hap - py morn, Where - on the Sav-iour of man - kind was born,". The piano accompaniment continues from the previous section.

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S  
Rise to a - dore the mys-ter - y of love Which hosts of an-gels chant-ed from a - bove,

A  
Rise to a - dore the mys-ter - y of love Which hosts of an-gels chant-ed from a - bove,

B  
Rise to a - dore the mys-ter - y of love Which hosts of an-gels chant-ed from a - bove,

Pno

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S  
With them the joy - ful tid - ings first be - gun Of God in - car-nate and the Vir - gin's Son.

A  
With them the joy - ful tid - ings first be - gun Of God in - car-nate and the Vir - gin's Son.

B  
With them the joy - ful tid - ings first be - gun Of God in - car-nate and the Vir - gin's Son.

Pno

2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice: "Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth  
To you and all the nations upon earth  
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word;  
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

3. He spake, and straightaway the celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire  
The praises of redeeming love they sang  
And heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang  
God's highest glory was their anthem still  
Peace upon earth and unto men goodwill

4. To Bethlehem straight the shepherds ran  
To see the wonder God had wrought for man  
And found, with Joseph and the blessed Maid  
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid  
Amazed, the wondrous story they proclaim  
The earliest heralds of the Saviour's name

5. Let us, like these good shepherds, them employ  
Our grateful voices to proclaim the joy  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss  
From His poor manger to His bitter cross  
Treading His steps, assisted by His grace  
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place

6. Then may we hope, the angelic thrones among  
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song  
He that was born upon this joyful day  
Around us all His glory shall display  
Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing  
Of angels and of angel-men the King

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