## O Heiland reiß die Himmel auf!

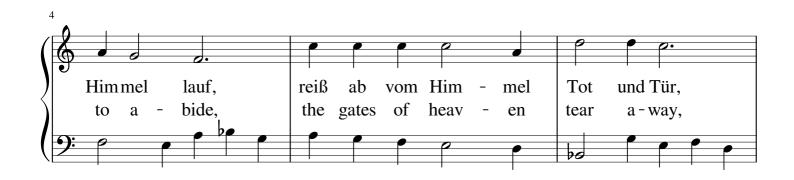
## O Savior tear the heavens wide!

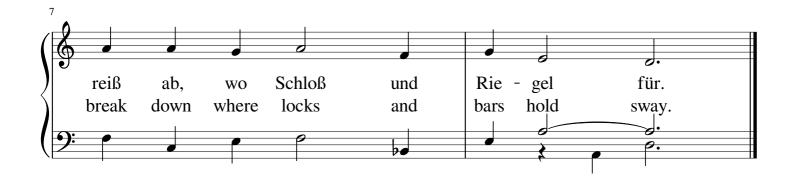
## German Carol

Text: Friedrich Spee, 1622

Traditional, 1666











## Singable Translation

O Savior, tear the heavens wide! come down from heaven to abide! The gates of heaven tear away; break down where locks and bars hold sway!

O God, in heav'nly dew pour down,, in dew, O Savior to us flow!
O clouds, let fall and bring in rain a King o'er Jacob's house to reign!

O earth, break out in ev'ry vale a carpet green on hill and dale, O earth, the sweetest flower bring forth. O Savior, from the earth spring forth!

Where are You, Comforter divine, to whom all earth its hopes incline? O come, come down from heaven's hall and comfort us who on You call!

O brightest Sun, O sweetest Star, we long to see You from afar! O Sun, ascend! Without Your light we all abide in darkest night.

On earth we suffer pain and strife, and death appears the goal of life: but come and lead us by the hand from weeping to Your heav'nly land!