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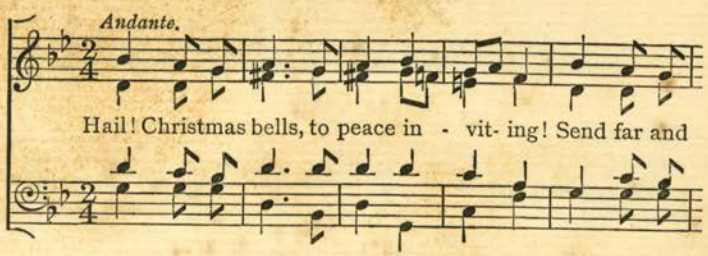


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# Hail! Christmas Bells.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

*Andante.*



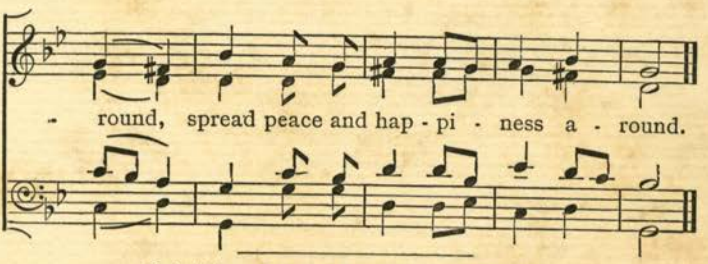
Hail! Christmas bells, to peace in - vit - ing! Send far and



wide your wel - come sound; Glad an - gel songs with



ours u - nit - ing, Spread peace and hap - pi - ness a -



- round, spread peace and hap - pi - ness a - round.

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## 2.

Erst on this night the Virgin holy,  
 Sought shelter kind in David's town ;  
 Tired were her feet and wandering slowly,  
 Where may she lay her burden down ?  
 Where may she lay her burden down ?

## 3.

Kings were her sires of God anointed,  
 Room for the maid of royal kin !  
 What home for her hath been appointed ?  
 'Tis but a cave beneath an inn,  
 'Tis but a cave beneath an inn.

## 4.

Cold was the world's unkindly greeting,  
 Whilst angels flood the night with song :  
 Choir unto choir God's praise repeating,  
 Born upon earth to right all wrong,  
 Born upon earth to right all wrong.

## 5.

Praises with them mankind is blending,  
 Praises on Christmas Eve we sing,  
 Praise let us give to Christ unending,  
 Praise with the angel host our King,  
 Praise with the angel host our King.

1. O'er the cradle of a King, Hear the song the angels sing - *glorioso*
  2. On this Holy night begins, God's own sacrifice for sin
  3. From his father's house as high - he join us he came to die
- O'er her Child the Virgin weeps.

CHRISTMASTIDE.

*Doloroso e soave.*

O'er her Child the Vir - gin weeps, Bend - ing low - ly

o'er His man - ger, Whilst her Babe un - con - scious sleeps,

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. Dynamics include *p* and *pp*. The tempo/mood is indicated as *Doloroso e soave*.

- She her faithful vigil keeps,  
 She will guard her Son from danger,  
 Though her heart with anguish leaps.
- 2 Tears are falling o'er His head,  
 Mother's tears of all the dearest;  
 Hands she claspeth round His bed,  
 For this night God's voice hath said—  
 "Seek the road that lieth nearest,  
 E'er the eastern sky is red."
  - 3 "O my loved One!" hear her cry,  
 "Why should wicked men alarm Thee  
 Herod bids that Thou should'st die,  
 Soldiers stern in waiting lie,  
 If they saw Thee could they harm Thee,  
 Thou, the Son of God most High?"
  - 4 Through black clouds the morning breaks;  
 To her heart her Child she presseth:  
 E'er from baby sleep He wakes  
 Hurried flight towards Egypt takes,  
 And the God of Israel blesseth  
 Who the lowly ne'er forsakes.
  - 5 "Safe, oh safe," with joy she cries;  
 "Safe from Herod's wrathful madness,"  
 Wide around the desert lies,  
 Quiv'ring under cloudless skies,  
 God hath filled her heart with gladness,  
 And her fear with darkness dies.

# The Stars are bright.

HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY.

*Andante e dolce.*

The stars are bright o'er Bethle - hem, As shine in  
*mf*  
some fair di - a - dem, The jewels loved by sons of Shem.

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo and mood are indicated as 'Andante e dolce'. The first system of music includes the lyrics 'The stars are bright o'er Bethle - hem, As shine in' with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking. The second system continues with 'some fair di - a - dem, The jewels loved by sons of Shem.' The score concludes with a double bar line.

- 2 But mothers weep in Bethlehem,  
As mothers wept in antient Kem,  
When God's dread angel passed o'er them.
- 3 For blood is sprinkled on the doors,  
And blood is darkening on the floors,  
And wrath, like Abel's blood, implores.
- 4 For he who weareth David's crown  
Hath trodden David's children down,  
And filled with wailing David's town.
- 5 Blest Innocents for Jesus' sake,  
Unwitting sacrifices make,  
And in good angels' arms awake.
- 6 And God Who wipeth tears away  
Hath placed them in the bright array  
Of those who praise Him night and day.
- 7 And mothers weeping children dead,  
Who died in their Redeemer's stead,  
By God Himself are comforted.

# On this day was born.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

*Gioioso.*

On this day was born Christ Je - sus, ve - ry ear - ly,  
Shepherds watching by their sheepfolds, saw a wondrous

*ff*

ere 'twas light,  
vi - sion bright; For the gates of heav'n were o - pen'd,

*f*

and from out their por - tals fair, The an - gel - ic

*dim. e rall.*

song of se - raphs float - ed down the morn - ing air.

## 2.

So for ever and for ever shall this Christmas Day be glad,  
 And with ivy and with holly are our homes and churches  
 clad ;  
 Lordly palace, humble cottage, both alike are blithe and gay  
 For 'tis glory be to Jesus, Who was born on Christmas Day.

## 3.

In his palace sat King Herod, and his face was stern and  
 grim,  
 For there came three Eastern sages, and they wanted news  
 from him  
 Of a King all kings surpassing, for His star appeared to them,  
 And across the golden desert had they sought Jerusalem.

## 4.

Scribe and priest before King Herod straight their antient  
 scrolls unrolled,  
 And they found it had been written by prophetic seer of old  
 That in Bethlehem of Judah, of a Virgin should be born,  
 From the line of good King David, Christ to save this world  
 forlorn.

## 5.

Then rejoice with mage and shepherd, at the good news angels  
 bring,  
 Lift on high your alleluias, songs and carols let us sing ;  
 Rich and poor, and young and aged, raise to heaven your  
 joyful lay,  
 For 'tis glory be to Jesus, Who was born on Christmas Day.

# Glad hymns with one accord.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

*Allegro.*

*f* Glad hymns with one ac - cord, We raise to Christ our Lord,

We praise His wondrous birth Who came from heav'n to earth,

*mf*

And left His Fa - ther's throne To come un - to His own.

*f* *cres. molto rall.* *ff*

And all the world is gay, For Christ is born to - day.



- 2 E'en those who love Him not  
Good gifts from Him have got,  
For all, both good and bad  
At Christmas time are glad,  
E'en though no song of praise  
For His great love they raise.  
And all the world is gay,  
For Christ is born to-day.
- 3 From out the ice-bound north  
Glad songs are sounding forth,  
And torrid Asia's plain  
Takes up the gladsome strain,  
And ocean isles afar  
With us rejoicing are.  
And all the world is gay,  
For Christ is born to-day.
- 4 For God's great gift to men  
Let us do good again,  
And help the sick and sad,  
And make the mourners glad;  
And pray for those who fall  
To God Who loveth all.  
For all the world is gay,  
For Christ is born to-day.
- 5 Around us while we sing  
Are poised on noiseless wing,  
God's angel host unseen—  
High heaven and earth between;  
And in the music float  
Of tuneful organ note.  
For heaven and earth are gay,  
For Christ is born to-day.

# Outside the city gates.

S. STEPHEN'S DAY.

*Allegro.*  
*mf*

Out - side the ci - ty gates .. an ea - ger crowd is

*mf*

wend - ing, With fran - tic rage pos - sessed, their

*cres.*

gar - ments wild - ly rend - ing, And on - ly one is

*dim.*

calm, .. his hands to heaven ex - tend - ing.

*cres.* *sf* *dim. e rall.*

2.

And heeding not their rage, small care for life he taketh,  
But with his dying breath a prayer for them he maketh,  
As o'er his bloodstained face the light of morning breaketh.

3.

He sees beyond the stars, such sight was ne'er beholden  
By mortal eyes before; he sees the portal golden  
Of heaven, and angel hosts his wondering soul embolden.

4.

Such hosts as Jacob saw on Bethel's lofty ladder:—  
On earth another host, than wolves of Edom madder,  
When men for man's blood thirst, no sight on earth is sadder.

5.

He thinketh nought of earth, all heaven is shining o'er him;  
Nor word nor look for earth; yet one who stands before him,  
Whose eager face he scans, shall recompense restore him.

6.

But once their eyes have met, and yet that look for ever  
Shall haunt the soul of Saul—to be forgotten never,  
That "angel's face" from him, nor life, nor death shall sever.

7.

While Christmas songs are sung, and Christmas bells are  
    swinging,  
Comes Blessed Stephen's Day: thus pain with gladness  
    mingling,  
The world with echo faint, a dirge is vainly ringing.

# On Asia Minor's sunny shore.

S. JOHN'S DAY.

*Andante con moto.*  
*mf*

On A - sia Mi - nor's sun - ny shore A

*mf*

ci - ty stood of won - drous fame, Of

mar - ble reared by kings of yore To

great . . . Di - an - a's might - y name . . .

- 2 Where now the solemn sea-birds make  
    'Mid reed and rush their silent home ;  
And jackals hungry wanderings take,  
    As o'er the moonlit sands they roam.
- 3 But ere her lordliness was gone,  
    And ere her royal temple fell,  
There lived the blest Apostle John,  
    Whom Jesus Christ had loved so well.
- 4 So old, a hundred winters' rime  
    Had silvered o'er his snow-white hair ;  
He seemed almost as old as Time,  
    And yet he bore no marks of care.
- 5 His aged hands in some good deed  
    Of charity and kindness  
Were active still where'er was need,  
    And when they could not work would bless.
- 6 Disciples crowded at his side,  
    And evermore he told to them  
How Jesus loved, and worked, and died,  
    In desolate Jerusalem.
- 7 So, loved and loving till the last,  
    At length he laid him down to rest ;  
To Paradise he calmly past,  
    Once more to lie on Jesu's breast.

# Across the desert sands by night.

HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY.

*Allegretto.*  
*mf*

A - cross the de - sert sands by night His

*mf*

jour - ney Jo - seph tak - eth; At God's command his

*f*

has - ty flight; With an - xious speed he mak - eth, And

*mf*

*dim. erall.*

Beth - le - hem for - sak - eth.

- 2 For Herod seeks the child to slay  
And grudgeth e'en a manger,  
Thus early Christ is driven away,  
A King, and yet a stranger ;  
A Babe, and yet in danger.
- 3 At Herod's court the noise is heard  
Of soldiers swiftly arming :  
Have heralds come to bring him word  
Of night-attack alarming ?  
Of foes his country harming ?
- 4 He hears that Christ the King is born ;  
With craven fear he quaketh :  
His armament God puts to scorn,  
Nor heeds the care he taketh,  
Nor heeds the speed he maketh.
- 5 But nought can harm that holy Child,  
For angels watch are keeping ;  
And nought can harm that mother mild,  
Who sadly goes and weeping,  
And folds her infant sleeping.
- 6 He slays the babes of Bethlehem,  
Her children, Rachel weepeth ;  
But God great honour gives to them --  
Their souls He safely keepeth,  
Who slumbereth not nor sleepeth.

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