

Come All You True Good Christians

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come All You True Good Christians'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Come all you true good Christians that liveth here on earth Oh'. The second staff continues with 'salutate the morning of our blessed Saviour's birth This'. The third staff continues with 'is the happy morning This is the blessed morn To'. The fourth staff concludes with 'save us from all ruin The Son of God was born'.

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Oh salute the morning of our blessed Saviour's birth
This is the happy morning This is the blessed morn
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Behold the Angel Gabriel, in scripture it is said,
Did with his holy message come to the Virgin Maid.
"Hail, blest among all women!" he thus did greet her then,
"Lo! thou shalt be the mother of the Saviour of all men."

"Oh!" then replied the Virgin, "These things I know full well,
That there are no such wonders, no, not in Israel!
That I should be a mother, how could it be? or can?
For me to conceive a Saviour that never knew a man?"

Oh! then replied the Angel "These things shall surely be,
The powers of the Almighty shall overshadow thee.
Rejoice at these glad tidings that come forth from the Lord.
Be it unto thy handmaiden according to thy word."

Her time, it being accomplished, she came to Bethlehem.
And there she was delivered of the Saviour of all men
No princely pomp attended Him, his honours were but small;
A manger was His cradle, his bed an ox's stall.

At twelve years old they found Him within the Temple sit
Among the learned Doctors, the most renowned for wit,
Hearing and asking questions, at which they wondered all.
For, full well, they knew that His learning was but small.

Then He did many wonders, likewise from time to time
He turned the purest water into the best of wine;
He cured the bloody issue, he made the lame to walk:
The blind had sight restored them, likewise the dumb to talk.

They brought Him before Pilate, who Governor was then,
And had sentence passed upon Him, the vilest of all men.
Though innocence pretending, they did Him crucify.
Thus by the hand of sinners the Lamb of God did die.

While on the cross was suffering, to His Father He did call,
"They know not what they are doing, so pray forgive them all".
For the space of six hours was darkness o'er the earth,
While the whole creation was trembling at His death.

The rocks were burst asunder, the Temple rent in twain.
The graves they did open, the Lamb of God was slain;
Each thing was struck with horror at this most dismal sight;
Then spake the bold Centurion, "This was the God of might!"

Then Joseph came to Pilate and did His body crave,
And did His body bury within a new-made grave.
The third day when He had passed the regions of the dead,
He arose, and then by Angels to heaven He was led.

Now up to Him ascended then let your praises be,
That we His steps might follow, and He our pattern be.
That when our lives are ended may hear the blessed call
"Come, souls, receive the Kingdom prepared for you all."

Source: Sung by Henry Thomas (76) at Chipping Sodbury, Glos on 3 April 1907. Collected by Cecil Sharp.
Notes: Tune and verse 1 from Mr Thomas. Remaining words from -Come All Ye Faithful Christians- sung
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