

What words! what voices can we bring?

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Anon.

A hymn for Christmas day

William Knapp (c1698-1768)

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[♩=120]

Soprano [Air]

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 2. *What earth - - ly har - mo - ny can*
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Alto

Tenor

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Bass

5

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reach Up to a theme so high,
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lies To hu - - man flesh de - based,

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5. Long let the universal frame
 The great Redeemer sing,
 And men and angels at the name
 Bow to, bow to, bow to the mystic King.

6. Redemption be the general sound,
 This day no grief appear,
 From earth to heav'n the notes rebound,
 And mercy, mercy, mercy smiled to hear.

7. Oh! 'tis too little all we can
 For this unbounded love,
 All that was ever writ by man,
 Or sung, or sung, or sung in hymns above.

8. But though we can't fit language find
 We praise, believe, adore!
 With joyful hearts, and souls resigned,
 And wish, and wish, and wish we could do more!

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8

S
 To wel - come our mys - te - rious King And sing,
 When an - gels ne'er could soar that pitch, Who dwell,
 Made man by this stu - pen - dous birth To quell,
 That we, his dear - ly ran - somed prize, Might be,

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 might be, might be to glo - ry raised.

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