

1. Praise ye the Lord most high

Paraphrased by Simon Ford (1619-1699)

Psalm 148

Bolton, by Edward Harwood (1707-87)

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[♩=96] (tr)

Soprano

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 2. **Let all his an - gels join Their voi - ces, him to**
 3. Praise him, ye sun and moon, That rule the day, and
 4. **Ye hea - vens, praise his name, Which all heav'ns else, ex -**

Alto
[Air]

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Bass

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5. Let them extol the Lord,
 And spread his glorious fame:
 For by his all-creating word
 They, what they are, became.

6. For ever fixed hath he
 Each of them in its place:
 And he hath made a firm decree,
 Which none must ever pass.

This tune was published by Harwood in three parts in 1786. The part allocation is unclear, and although it would be unusual in a tune from this period, the editorial decision is to make the alto part the air, for which purpose the setting is transposed up a tone. The soprano underlay in bars 10-14 is conjectural. The original text was as follows:

Come, let us praise the Lord,
 And magnify his name,
 Let us sing psalms to him with joy,
 And spread his glorious fame.

This version is from James Carey's *A Selection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes* (1820, Edinburgh). A four part version was published in James Stevens' *A Selection of Sacred Music* (Glasgow, 1812). The source of this text has escaped detection, and the original prints only this one verse. The substitute text chosen, which is near in sentiment to the original, is a paraphrase of Psalm 148 by the Rev. Simon Ford D. D. (1619-1699), who published it in *A new version of the Psalms of David: together with all the church-hymns, into metre, smooth, plain and easie to the most ordinary capacities: and yet as close to the original languages, and the last and best English translation, as the nature of such a work will well permit* (1688, London). Simon Ford was rector of Old Swinford in Worcestershire.

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6 [♩=♩]

S
 sound: Yea from a - bove the star - ry sky, Let
praise: *And all the heav'n-ly hosts com-bine, His*
 night: And be to him like ho - nour done, By
ceed: *And all ye wa - ters, do the same, A -*

A.
 sound: Yea from a - bove the star - ry sky, Let his loud praise re - bound, Let his loud
praise: *And all the heav'n-ly hosts com-bine, His glo-rious name to raise, His glo - rious*
 night: And be to him like ho - nour done, By all the stars of light, By all the
ceed: *And all ye wa - ters, do the same, A - bove the hea-vens spread, A - bove the*

B
 sound: Yea from a - bove the star - ry sky, Yea from a - bove the
praise: *And all the heav'n-ly hosts com-bine, And all the heav'n-ly*
 night: And be to him like ho - nour done, And be to him like
ceed: *And all ye wa - ters, do the same, And all ye wa - ters,*

S
 his loud praise re - bound, loud praise re - bound. Let his loud praise re - bound,
glo-rious name, His glo - rious name to raise, His glo - rious name to raise.
 all the stars of light, the stars of light, By all the stars of light.
bove the hea-vens spread, the hea - vens spread, A - bove the hea - vens spread.

A.
 praise re - bound, Let his loud praise re - bound, Let his loud praise re - bound.
name to raise, His glo - rious name to raise, His glo - rious name to raise.
 stars of light, By all the stars of light, By all the stars of light.
hea - vens spread, A - bove the hea - vens spread, A - bove the hea - vens spread.

B
 star - ry sky, Let his loud praise re - bound, Let his loud praise re - bound.
hosts com - bine His glo - rious name to raise, His glo - rious name to raise.
 ho - nour done, By all the stars of light, By all the stars of light.
do the same, A - bove the hea - vens spread, A - bove the hea - vens spread.