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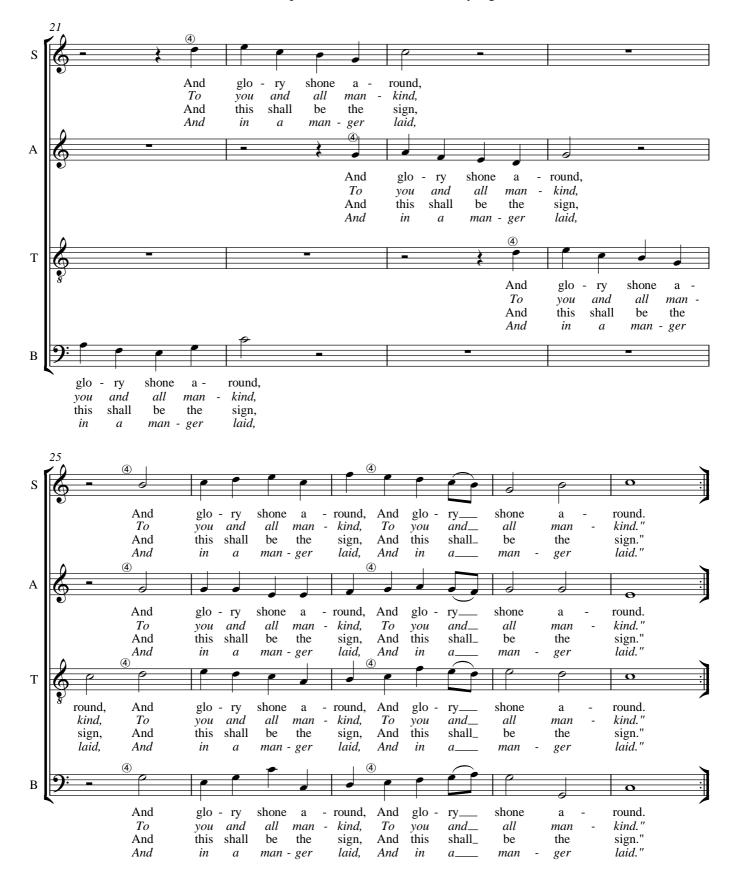


This anonymous setting was used by singing master William Shepherd in churches in the Isle of Man for both the present text and Psalm 133. It occurs in no known printed collection, and may be by Shepherd himself.

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- 6. "All glory be to God on high And to the earth be peace,
 |: Goodwill henceforth to men on earth :| Begin and never cease."
- Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels, praising God who thus Addressed their joyful song; :|



Circled numbers correspond with lines of text; |: and :| show the repeat in the music from bar 16; underlined text is to be repeated by soprano in bars 6-7 and alto in bars 11-13.