

Behold, I bring you glad tidings

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An Anthem for Christmas Day
Luke II 10-14

William Knapp (c1698-1768)
Edited by Francis Roads

Authorised Version

[♩=120]

Soprano

Alto

Tenor
[Air]

Bass

Keyboard

Be - hold, be - hold, I bring you glad ti-dings, Be - hold, be -

9

S

A

T

B

Kbd.

hold, I bring you, I bring you glad ti-dings, ti-dings of great joy, which shall be to all peo-ple,

Editorial notes:

The doubling of soprano and tenor in bars 18-21, 36-39 and 80-83 are uncharacteristic of Knapp, as is the migration of the air to the soprano in the Hallelujah section.

It is possible that these Hallelujahs were borrowed from elsewhere.

Bar 33: Knapp's intentions regarding the management of the repeat here are unclear.

Bar 50 1st time: original has ♩. in all parts; probably error.

Bar 52 bass note 7: original f#; probably error.

Bars 57 and 68 : It is not clear where Knapp intends this repeat to end;

it is assumed to continue until bar 67, where there is another repeat sign, and that this marks the end of the preceding repeat, rather than starting a new one.

Bar 78 bass note 3: this and the next two notes have a slur

which does not appear to make sense, and has been omitted.

Tempo markings are editorial suggestions.

This piece was first published in Knapp's *Anthem for Christmas Day* (London 1744).

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17 **A**

S
glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings of

A
glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings of

T
glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings of

B
glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings of

Kbd.

23

S
great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple, peo - ple.

A
great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple, peo - ple.

T
great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple, peo - ple.

B
great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple, peo - ple.

Kbd.

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28 **B** [$\text{♩}=48$]

S Solo **C**

For un-to you, un-to you is born this day a Sa-viour, a Sa-viour, a Sa-viour which is

A For un-to you, un-to you is born this day,

T For un-to you, un-to you is born this day,

B For un-to you is born this day,

Kbd.

32 [Chorus]

S 1. 2.

Christ the Lord, a Sa - viour which is Christ the Lord. A Christ the

A a Sa - viour which is Christ the Lord. Christ the

T a Sa - viour which is Christ the Lord. Christ the

B a Sa - viour which is Christ the Lord. Christ the

Kbd.

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36 **D** [♩=120]

S Lord. Glad ti - dings, glad

A Lord. Glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings, glad ti - dings, glad

T Lord. Glad ti - dings, glad

B Lord. Glad ti - dings, glad

Kbd.

41

S ti - dings of great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple, peo - ple.

A ti - dings of great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple, peo - ple.

T ti - dings of great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple, peo - ple.

B ti - dings of great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple, peo - ple.

Kbd.

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45 **E** [♩=48]

S
Ye shall find the babe wrapt in swad - dling clothes,

A
Counter solo
And this shall be a sign un - to you, ye shall find the babe wrapt in swad - dling clothes,

T

B
Ye shall find the babe wrapt in swad - dling clothes,

Kbd.

50 1. **F** 2.

S
and in a man - ger laid. laid.

A
and in a man - ger laid. laid.

T

B
and in a man - ger laid. laid. And sud - den - ly ap - peared the

Kbd.

53

B
heav'n - ly host, thus prais - - - ing God and say - ing,

Kbd.

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57 **G**

S
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

A
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

T
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

B
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Kbd.

60 [$\text{♩} = 80$]

S
and on earth peace, peace, good - will to - wards men, Peace, good -

A
and on earth peace, peace, good - will to - wards men, Peace, good -

T
and on earth peace, peace, good - will to - wards men, Peace, good -

B
and on earth peace, peace, good - will to - wards men, Peace, good -

Kbd.

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66

S will to - wards men. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

A will to - wards men. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

T will to - wards men.

B will to - wards men.

Kbd.

72

S Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

A Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

T Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

B Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

Kbd.

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S Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

A lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, lu - jah,

T Hal - le - lu - jah,

B Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

Kbd.

80 **I**

S Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

A Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

T Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

B Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Kbd.