

Rejoice, ye mortals all, rejoice

Anon.

William Knapp (c1698-1768)
 Edited by Francis Roads

[♩=72]

Soprano/
 Tenor
 [Air]

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Alto

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Bass

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13 CHORUS

S
O how can men for - bear to sing, When earth with an - gels' notes,

A
O how can men for - bear to sing, When earth with an - gels' notes,

B
O how can men for - bear to sing, When earth with an - gels' notes

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S
notes do ring?

A
notes do ring?

B
do ring?

Editorial notes:

Bar 2 note 2 alto is a dotted minim (extending into bar 3) in the original, and bar 2 note 2 to bar 3 note 1 bass are slurred for a single syllable.

This works in verses 1, where the two parts sing "rejoice" but once, but makes nonsense of the text in verses 2 and 3. The notes and slurring have been altered accordingly.

Bar 4 note 2; harmony sic. Perhaps alto g' or b' intended.

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