

11. How Brightly Shines Our Morning Star

Wie schön leucht't uns der Morgenstern

Epiphany

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Sop.



1. How bright - ly shines the Morn - ing Star, God's
2. *O jew - el in my price - less crown, true*
3. Pour deep in - to my wait - ing heart, O
4. *A joy - ous light would shine on me if*
5. O God and Fa - ther, Cham - pion, Lord, who
6. *To God let strings and harps ring out and*
7. With joy does my heart o - ver - flow for

Alto



1. How bright - ly ___ shines the Morn - ing Star, God's grace and
2. *O jew - el ___ in my price - less crown, true Son of*
3. Pour deep in - to my wait - ing heart, O shin - ing
4. *A joy - ous ___ light would shine _____ on me if Your dear*
5. O God and ___ Fa - ther, Cham - pion, Lord, who loved me
6. *To God let ___ strings and harps _____ ring out and let us*
7. With joy does my heart o - ver - flow for my Be -

Bar.



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grace and truth sent from a - far, the sweet - est Root of
Son of God and Ma - ry's Son, the high - born King of
 shin - ing Gem of prec - ious art, the flame of Your love
Your dear face should turn to me in sweet - est in - vi -
 loved me e'er the earth was formed, love that Your Son has
let us sweet - est songs sing out in joy - ous sound to -
 my Be - lov - ed now I know, is Al - pha and O -

truth _____ sent from a - far, the sweet - est Root of Jes -
God _____ and Ma - ry's Son, the high - born King of heav -
 Gem _____ of prec - ious art, the flame of Your love burn -
face _____ should turn to me in sweet - est in - vi - ta -
 e'er _____ the earth was formed, love that Your Son has shown
sweet - est songs sing out in joy - ous sound to - geth -
 lov - ed now I know, is Al - pha and O - me -

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Jes - se. O Son of Da - vid, Ja - cob's kin, my
heav - en! My heart sees You as heav-en's flow'r; Your
 burn - ing, that I, O Lord, a part may be of
ta - tion. O Lord, the things that I most love, Your
 shown me, who to Him - self en - trust - ed me, I
geth - er. To our be - lov - ed Je - su sing, my
 me - ga. Him - self He gives at great - est price to

- se. O Son of Da - vid, Ja - cob's kin, my Bridegroom
 - en! My heart sees You as heav - en's flow'r; Your Gos pel,
 - ing, that I, O Lord, a part may be of Your own
 - tion. O Lord, the things that I most love, Your Word and
 - me, who to Him - self en - trust - ed me, I am His
 - er. To our be - lov - ed Je - su sing, my splen - did
 - ga. Him - self He gives at great - est price to take me

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Bride-groom and my ho - nored King, my heart in love pos -
Gos pel, rich with sto - ried pow'r, is milk and hon - ey
 Your own Bod - y, cho - sen, free, filled with the joy of
Word and Spir - it, bod - y, blood, are my heart's prized pos -
 am His bride, my Friend is He, and noth - ing shall dis -
splen - did Bride - groom and my King, to please Him and to
 take me up to par - a - dise; I clap my hands, re -



and _____ my ho - nored King, my heart in love pos - ess -
rich _____ with sto - ried pow'r, is milk and hon - ey giv -
 Bod - y, cho - sen, free, filled with the joy of liv -
Spir - it, bod - y, blood, are my heart's prized pos - ses -
 bride, _____ my Friend is He, and noth - ing shall dis - tress
Bride - groom and my King, to please Him and to hon -
 up _____ to par - a - dise; I clap my hands, re - joic -

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ess - ing, love - ly, kind - ly,
 giv - en. Je - su, Je - su,
 liv - ing. In Thee, let me,
 ses - sion. Take me sweet - ly,
 tress me. Ei - a, ei - a,
 hon - or. Sing - ing, dance - ing,
 joic - ing. A - men, a - men.

- ing, kind - ly,
 - en. Je - su,
 - ing. let me,
 - sion. sweet - ly,
 - me. Ei - a,
 - or. dance - ing,
 - ing. A - men,

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ess - ing, fair and come - ly, high and loft - y,
 giv - en. Ho - si - an - na! Heav'n - ly man - na
 liv - ing. nev - er - ceas - ing, still in - crease in
 ses - sion. and em - brace me, Lord, in mer - cy,
 tress me. life in heav - en to me giv - en,
 hon - or. joy tri - unph - ant, all re - joic - ing
 joic - ing. Ban - ish sad - ness, Crown of glad - ness,

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great and all splen - dor ex - cell - ing.
which by our faith will main - tain us.
 that e - ven death can - not part us.
I by Your word am in vit - ed.
 I praise His name for - ev - er.
hon - or the King, King of heav - en.
 Come, Lord, my heart longs to greet You.

great and all splen - dor ex - cell - ing.
which by our faith will main - tain us.
 that e'en death can nev - er part us.
by Your word I am in - vit - ed.
 praise His name, my heart, for - ev - er.
hon - or - ing the King of heav - en.
 Come, O Lord, I long to greet You.

19



rich in bless - ing, great and all splen - dor ex - cell - ing.
to sus - tain us *which by our faith* will main - tain us.
 joy and glad - ness, that e'en death can nev - er part us.
love re - quit - ed, *by Your word* I am in - vit - ed.
 now and ev - er: praise His name, my heart, for - ev - er.
with thanks - giv - ing, *hon - or - ing the* King of heav - en.
 soon to meet You. Come, Lord. my heart longs to greet You.

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Ritornello* for three instruments on "Wie schön leucht't uns..."

23 Flute
p non legato

23 Violin
p ben legato

23 Viola
p ben legato

26 Flute

26 Violin

26 Viola

28 Flute
poco rit. Tempo I
1 2 2 2

28 Violin
poco rit. Tempo I
1 *p*

28 Viola
poco rit. Tempo I
1

* To be played *ad libitum* before each verse and at the end. The flute is obligatory; the other two parts may be played by other melodic instruments of similar weight. Choral or soloistic instrumentation according to the available resources and the strength of the choir.

[*ad libitum* vor jedem Vers und am Schluß zu spielen. Die Flötenstimme ist obligat, die beiden andern Stimmen können auch von beliebigen andern, klanglich gleichwertigen Melodieinstrumenten gespielt werden. Chorische oder solistische Besetzung je nach den vorhandenen Mitteln und der Stärke des Chores.]

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Fl. *poco rit.* *Tempo I* *p* *pp* *p*

Vln. *poco rit.* *Tempo I* *p* *pp* *p*

Vla. *poco rit.* *Tempo I* *p* *pp* *p*

Fl. *poco f*

Vln. *mp* *mf* *poco f*

Vla. *poco f*

Fl. *2*

Vln.

Vla.