

Psalm 97 vv. 1, 3, 5~7, 11.

(Christ's incarnation, and the last judgment.)

Isaac Watts (1786 & 1790)

Richard Taylor of Chester

2 4 6

Tr
A
Ten
B

1 The is - lands of the
4 A - dor - ing an - gels

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1 The is - lands of the North - - - ern sea, the is - lands of the
4 A - dor - ing an - gels at his birth, a - dor - ing an - gels

** See note below music

8 10

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North - ern sea Re - joice, the Sav - iour reigns, re - joice the Sav - iour
at his birth Make the Re - deem - er known, make the Re - deem - er

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known, make the Re - deem - - er known.

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known, make the Re - deem - er known.

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** Watts's original first line in 1786:

"Let earth, with every isle and sea,"

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| 1 The islands of the Northern sea,
Rejoice, the Saviour reigns;
His word, like fire, prepares his way,
And mountains melt to plains. | 4 Adoring angels at his birth
Make the Redeemer known:
Thus shall he come to judge the earth,
And angels guard his throne. |
| 2 His presence sinks the proudest hills,
And makes the valleys rise;
The humble soul enjoys his smiles,
The haughty sinner dies. | 5 His foes shall tremble at his sight,
And hills and seas retire;
His children take their unknown flight,
And leave the world in fire. |
| 3 The heav'ns his rightful power proclaim;
The idol-gods around
Fill their own worshippers with shame,
And totter to the ground. | 6 The seeds of joy and glory sown
For saints in darkness here,
Shall rise and spring in worlds unknown,
And a rich harvest bear. |

This setting of Richard Taylor of Chester's tune 'Islands', comes from 'Eos Cymru' (Welsh Sacred Music), compiled by Wiliam Jacobs and published in 1844. 'Islands' originally appeared in Taylor's Third Book of Sacred Verse, pub. 1803, the only known copy of which is held in Chester Record Office. It was not favoured with any other printing before 1820. Taylor's words have been used here. HTI 10215.