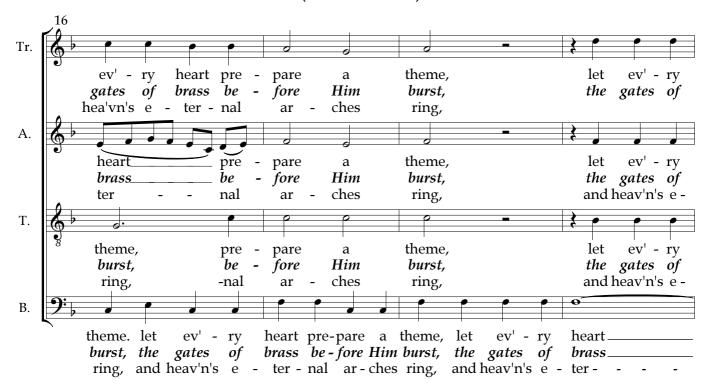
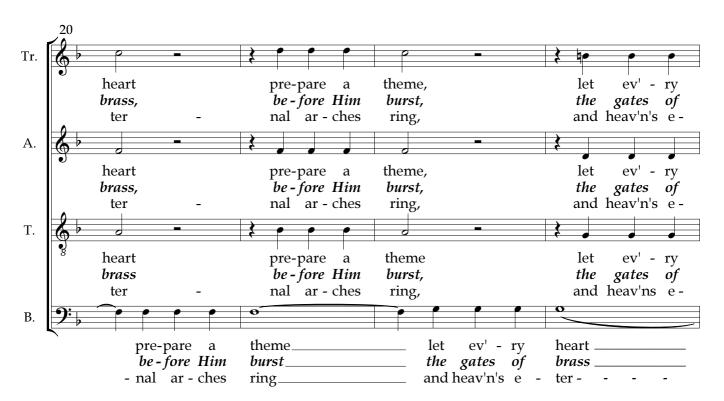
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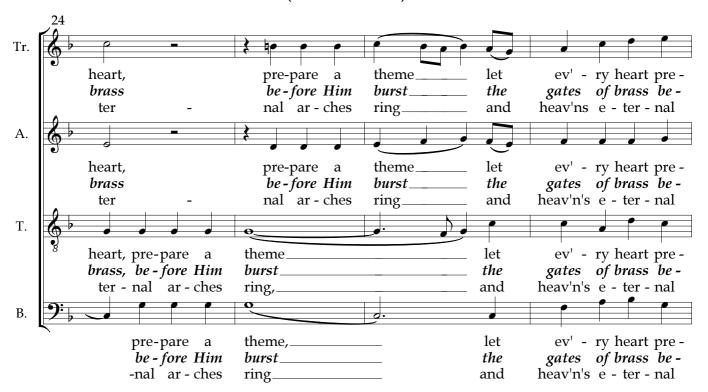
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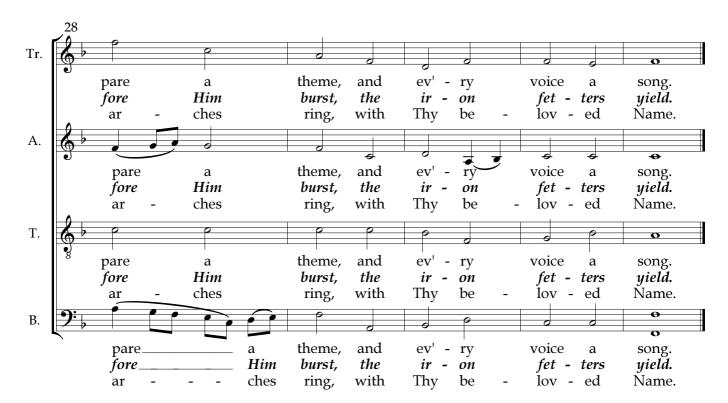




3 He comes, the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To bless the humble poor.

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It is not possible to date Advent Hymn by Cornelius Whitehouse with any certainty. A tune much favoured by choirs in the Black Country, and known locally as 'Gates of Brass' it is been sung in the region for over a hundred years, especially by miners, and recorded by the Cannock Chase Orpheus Choir in the 1970s.

Whitehouse, son of a sword maker, was an engineer and inventor, and ran his own metal works and tool making company in Cannock. He was recognized as a fine musician, being an organist and a composer, with a wonderful bass voice.

The music source is from an image on the Great Wyreley and Cheslyn Hay Facebook group, December 2021.

We have used the words from the image, which vary only slightly from Doddridge's original text.

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