

After "Stockport" by John Wainwright

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Treble

Alto

Tenor  
Horn in F

Bass

Christ-ians a - wake! sa - lute the hap-py morn, Where-on the

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Sa-viour of man - kind was born; Rise to a - dore the

12 15

mys-ter - y of love, Which hosts of an-gels chan-ted from a - bove;

18 21

With them the joy - ful ti-dings first be - gun, Of God in -

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- car-nate and the Vir - gin's Son, of God In - car-nate and the

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Symphony 30

Vir - gin's Son.

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Score reproduced from 'Ye Old Christmas Carols' (Bradford Evening Institute Choral Society, [1967]), and with cross-reference to Ian Russell's 'Sheffield Book of Village Carols'.

1

Christians, awake! salute this happy morn  
Whereon the Saviour of this world was born.  
Rise to adore the mystery of love,  
Which hosts of Angels chanted from above.  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

2

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told.  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, behold  
I bring glad tidings of a Saviour's birth  
To you and all the nations upon earth.  
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word.  
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

3

He spake, and straightaway the celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire  
The praises of redeeming love they sang  
And heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang  
God's highest glory was their anthem still  
Peace upon earth and unto men goodwill.