

# An Hymn for Christmas Day

C 114

William Knapp

Tr.

1 Hark hear ye not a cheer - ful, cheer - ful  
 2 *So loud they sung* it down to, down to  
 3 Their Prince, their God, like one, like one of

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see where light stars bright an - gels, an - gels fly,  
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a thou - sand heav'n - ly ech - oes fly.  
*for joy their Prince was born to - day.*  
 we have a Sav - iour, God the Son.

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 No other published versions of the original tune have yet been found.  
 Unlike the New Oxford Book of Carols, we have resisted the temptation to alter in Bar 11 'light' to 'like', and adhered to Wilkins' word fit and spelling. © Shelwin Music, Oxford, 2006 and 2014.