

Awake, awake the lofty song

Thomas Merritt

Treble

Alto

Tenor

Bass

1 A - wake, a - wake the lof - ty song, And min - gle
 2 While glo - ry un - to God they sing, Glad ti - dings
 3 O love di - vine who can re - fuse To lis - ten
 4 Let hal - le - lu - jahs swift - ly rise, And join the

And
Glad
To
And

with th'an - gel - ic throng, and min - gle with th'an -
 of great joy they bring, glad tid - ings of great
 to the glor - ious news, to lis - ten to the
 tri - umphs of the skies, and join the tri - umphs

min - gle with th'an -
tid - ings of great
lis - ten to the
join the tri - umphs

-gel - ic throng! 'Tis glor - ry glo - ry un - to God.
 joy they bring, Good - will and peace to man on earth,
 glor - ious news? Ye sons of men, with joy em - brace,
 of the skies, While heav'n and earth re - sound - ing sing,

Instruments

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'Tis glo - ry glo - ry un - to God, In
 Good - will and peace to man on earth, And
 Ye sons of men, with joy em - brace The
 While heav'n and earth re - sound - ing sing The

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 Good - will and peace to man on earth,
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 While heav'n and earth re - sound - ing sing

'Tis glo - ry glo - ry un - to God, In strains sub -
 Good - will and peace to man on earth, And thus pro -
 Ye sons of men, with joy em - brace The bless - ings
 While heav'n and earth re - sound - ing sing The glor - ies

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strains sub - lime they sound a - broad, In
 thus pro - claim a Sav - iour's birth, And
 bless - ings of Je - ho - vah's grace, The
 glor - ies of their Lord and King, The

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 of _____ Je - ho - vah's grace.
 of _____ their Lord and King.

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Thomas Merritt, 1862-1908.

Son of an Illogan, Cornwall, tin miner, Thomas Merritt was too frail for mining and became a self-taught musician. He was organist at Chili Road Chapel and later at Fore Street Chapel, both at Illogan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall. He started composing hymns, oratorios and cantatas for his Methodist Chapels, but he also wrote brass band music and was a locally renowned conductor. His carols have been taken in oral tradition throughout the world by migrant Cornish miners.