

New Christians

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(A Christmas Hymn)

Treble

Sym:

Bafs

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Christ-ians a - wake, a - rise re-joice and sing, Be - hold glad

8 Christ-ians a - wake, a - rise re-joice and sing, Be - hold glad

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ti-dings of great joy we bring; A Child is born, his

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won-ders will in - crease, The e - ver-last-ing Fa - ther

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Prince of Peace. Sym:

Sym:

1. **Christians awake, arise, rejoice and sing
Behold, glad tidings of great joy I bring;
A child is born, his wonders will increase,
The Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
2. **This princelless Child was born in David's town,
His name is Wonderful, of great renown.
He reigns in heaven, above yon starry sky
Where saints and angels sing continually.**
3. **This mighty Prince, pray always keep in mind,
Yet once again shall come to judge mankind.
Then all the dead shall rise with one accord,
And saints from thence for ever praise the Lord.**
4. **Then let us spend this universal day
In singing to our great Redeemer's praise,
That when He comes to gather home His own,
We each one may receive a starry crown.**

Music by John Hall, who is thought to have lived at Sheffield Park, worked at the anvil for most of his life, and died in the Poor House in 1794. He originally called the tune BREWER. He composed oratorios, hymns and carols. From a pair of manuscripts owned by Jenny Coxon of Greenfield, Oldham.

Emendations:

The alto line in the ms. has been replaced by that used by the Worrall Male Voice Choir in their publication "The Joy of Christmas". The final symphony in the ms. comprises only the treble and bass parts. Alto and Tenor parts added from the same publication, with small changes to note values and two notes in each part in bars 30 and 31.

The source of the words is unknown, and those used in the manuscript, reproduced here, differ in the first verse from those used by the Worrall at Oughtibridge by the Worrall Male Voice Choir.