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arranged by

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If ye would hear the angels sing

Carol arranged for
mixed voices and organ

for The Voluntary Choir, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh

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Words: Dora Greenwell (1821–82)

Music: Dutch carol
arranged by PETER BACKHOUSE
(b. 1954)

Andante con moto ♩. = 58 *mp*

SOPRANO

1. If ye would hear the an - gels sing

Andante con moto ♩. = 58 *p legato*

ORGAN

5

'Peace on earth and mer - cy mild', — Think of him who once was a child, On

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9

Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

13 *mf*

S. A.

2. If ye would hear the an - gels sing,

T. B. *mf*

Org.

17

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Rise, and spread your cir - cle, let us sing - the more that share, On

21

Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

f

Man.

25 *f* *mf*

3. Rise, and bake your Christ - mas bread: Chris - tians, rise! The world is bare, And

f *mf*

Ped.

29 *f*

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blank, and dark with wa - ter, and snow. Yes, Christ - mas comes in the morn - ing.

f *f*

Ped.

33 ALTO *mp*

A. *p*

4. If ye would hear the an - gels sing,

37 *mp*

S. And see that ye pile the logs still higher On

A. Rise, and light your Christ - mas fire; And see that ye pile the logs still higher On

Org.

41

Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

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Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

mf

Ped.

TENOR & BASS

45 *f* unis.

T. B. 5. Rise, and light your Christ - mas fire; Chris - tians, rise! The world is old, And

Org.

49

Time is wea-ry, and worn, and cold, Yet Christ - mas comes in the morn - ing.

53

S. A. *p*

T. B.

Org. *p*

6. If ye would hear the

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S. A.

T. B.

an - gels sing, Chris - tians! See ye let each door Stand

60

wid - er than it e'er stood be - fore On Christ - mas Day in the

63

S.
A.

morn - ing.

T.
B.

Org.

f

Man.

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67

S.

7. Rise, and o - pen wide the door; Chris - tians, rise! The world is wide,

A.

7. Rise, and o - pen wide the door; Chris - tians, rise! The world is wide, And

T.

7. Rise, and o - pen wide the door; Chris - tians, rise! The world is wide, And

B.

7. Rise, and o - pen wide the door; Chris - tians, rise! The world is wide, And

Org.

f

Ped.

71 *cresc.* *ff*

Ma-ny that stand out-side, Yet Christ-mas comes in the morn - ing, yet

ma-ny there be that stand out-side, Yet Christ - mas comes in the morn -

ma-ny there be that stand out-side, Yet Christ - mas comes in the

ma-ny there be that stand out-side, Yet Christ - mas

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75 *rall.*

Christ - mas comes in the morn - ing, yet Christ - mas comes in the morn - ing.

-ing, yet Christ - mas comes in the morn - ing, comes in the morn - ing.

morn - ing, yet Christ - mas comes in the morn - ing, comes in the morn - ing.

comes in the morn - ing, yet Christ - mas comes in the morn - ing.

più f *rall.*