

Christ before Us

SUO GAN, 87 87 D, Welsh Melody

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Keyboard accompaniment by Mark J. Sullivan

INTRO *Adagio* (♩ = ca. 76)

D Dmaj7 Em/D G6/A A[°]7 Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D

VERSES

Descant

2-4. Oo

Melody

1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side us, Christ to guide us all our days.
2. May we be for one an - oth - er all that you would have us be.
3. God be - fore us through the a - ges; Christ be - side us here to - day.
- *4. O Re-deem-er, fill your ser-vants with your words of last - ing life.

D Dmaj7 Em/D A/D D Dmaj7 G6/A D

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*Chrim Mass Verse.

2-4. Oo

1. He to car - ry all our sor - rows, he to bear us per - fect grace.
 2. May we live your law of kind - ness, love, com - pas - sion, char - i - ty.
 3. Spir - it, lead us forth for - ev - er; guide and help us all our days.
 4. Give to those with hands of heal - ing love trans - cend - ing pain and strife.

F#m/D Em7 G6/A A Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D

2-4. Oo

1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend and Broth - er, In - ter - ces - sor, Son of God,
 2. May we climb your ho - ly moun - tain; may we see your ho - ly face!
 3. Christ the Sav - ior, God the Liv - ing, Great Cre - a - tor, Spir - it blest!
 4. Make us lov - ing sons and daugh - ters; make us ho - ly, kind and true,

F#m7/C# Bm A/C# D F#m7 Bm7 Gmaj7 Asus4 A

a tempo

2-4. Oo

1, 3, Final

a tempo

1. save your peo - ple in your dy - ing, and in ris - ing, con - quer
 2. Vis - it now this hum - ble dwell - ing; dwell with - in this
 3. Ho - ly Three - in - One Im - mor - tal, come and be our wel - come
 4. sent to la - bor for your King - dom— rest - less till we rest in

D Dmaj7 Em/D G6/A A#°7 Bm Gmaj7 G6/A

a tempo

1, 3, Final

3, 4. —

2. —

D.S. (Fine) 2 *D.S.*

1. death. 2. ho - ly place.
 3. guest.
 4. you.

Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D *D.S. (Fine)* 2 G6/A D Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D *D.S.*

rit. last time

Composer Notes

This beautiful melody gained popularity when James Rainbird and the Ambrosian Junior Choir performed it on the soundtrack of the Steven Spielberg film *Empire of the Sun*. In the film, the song is lipsynched by a thirteen-year-old Christian Bale.

The much older original tune is that of the Welsh lullaby “Suo Gân.” The text is one that can be sung for a variety of occasions, and the tune is sufficiently familiar as to invite instant participation when the assembly includes people from diverse liturgical backgrounds. This adaptation includes a verse suitable for use at the Chrism Mass.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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(Keyboard)

VERSES

D Dmaj7 Em/D A/D D Dmaj7

1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side us, ___ Christ to guide us
2. May we be for one an - oth - er ___ all that you would
3. God be - fore us through the a - ges; ___ Christ be - side us
*4. O Re - deem - er, fill your ser - vants ___ with your words of

G6/A D F#m/D Em7 G6/A A

1. all our days. He to car - ry all our sor - rows, ___
2. have us be. May we live your law of kind - ness, ___
3. here to - day. Spir - it, lead us forth for - ev - er; ___
4. last - ing life. Give to those with hands of heal - ing ___

Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D F#m7/C#

1. he to bear us per - fect grace. Je - sus, Sav - ior,
2. love, com - pas - sion, char - i - ty. May we climb your
3. guide and help us all our days. Christ the Sav - ior,
4. love trans - cend - ing pain and strife. Make us lov - ing

Bm A/C# D F#m7 Bm7 Gmaj7 *rit.* Asus4 A

1. Friend ___ and Broth - er, In - ter - ces - sor, Son of God, ___
2. ho - ly moun - tain; may we see your ho - ly face! ___
3. God ___ the Liv - ing, Great Cre - a - tor, Spir - it blest! ___
4. sons ___ and daugh - ters; make us ho - ly, kind and true, ___

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a tempo

D Dmaj7 Em/D G6/A A#7 Bm Gmaj7

1. save your peo - ple in your dy - ing, — and in ris - ing,
 2. Vis - it now this hum - ble dwell - ing; — dwell with - in this
 3. Ho - ly Three - in - One Im - mor - tal, — come and be our
 4. sent to la - bor for your King - dom — rest - less till we

1, 3, Final

G6/A Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D *D.S. (Fine)*

rit. last time

1. con - quer death.
 3. wel - come guest.
 4. rest in you.

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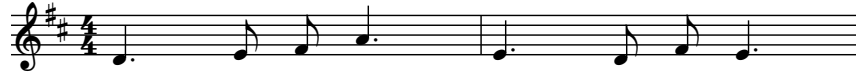
G6/A D Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D *D.S.*

2. ho - ly place.

Assembly Edition

CHRIST BEFORE US

Traditional Welsh Melody: *Suo Gân*



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 2. May we be for one an - oth - er
 3. God be - fore us through the a - ges;
 4. O Re - deem - er, fill your ser - vants



1. Christ to guide us all our days. He to car - ry
 2. all that you would have us be. May we live your
 3. Christ be - side us here to - day. Spir - it, lead us
 4. with your words of last - ing life. Give to those with



1. all our sor - rows, he to bear us per - fect grace.
 2. law of kind - ness, love, com - pas - sion, char - i - ty.
 3. forth for - ev - er; guide and help us all our days.
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1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend and Broth - er, In - ter - ces - sor,
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 4. Make us lov - ing sons and daugh - ters; make us ho - ly,



1. Son of God, save your peo - ple in your dy - ing,
 2. ho - ly face! Vis - it now this hum - ble dwell - ing;
 3. Spir - it blest! Ho - ly Three - in - One Im - mor - tal,
 4. kind and true, sent to la - bor for your King - dom -



1. and in ris - ing, con - quer death.
 2. dwell with - in this ho - ly place.
 3. come and be our wel - come guest.
 4. rest - less till we rest in you.

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