

Children, Run Joyfully

for Assembly, Children's Chorus, Cantor, Descant, Keyboard, and Guitar

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Verses based on Lk 2:8-12

Keyboard Accompaniment by Rick Modlin

INTRO: *Lightly, not too fast* (♩ = ca. 96)

Keyboard

REFRAIN: Children's Chorus (Tempo I)

* Descant §

Je - sus,

Melody § *mf*

Harmony

Chil - dren, run joy - ful - ly,

rit.

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*To be sung by an adult soloist on Final Refrain.

Sav - ior, hear us sing,
Je - sus is born. Tell all the moun - tains to

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. It contains the lyrics "Sav - ior, hear us sing,". The middle staff is a vocal line in treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing the lyrics "Je - sus is born. Tell all the moun - tains to". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with the same key signature and time signature, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

hear us pray. Bless us,
sing. Pray to our Fa - ther in

The second system of the musical score also consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps and a common time signature, containing the lyrics "hear us pray. Bless us,". The middle staff is a vocal line in treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing the lyrics "sing. Pray to our Fa - ther in". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in grand staff with the same key signature and time signature, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

Lord God. Come to us, be
heav - en this day: Thank you, for Je - sus is

1-2 to Verses Final
born. _____
born. _____
born. _____

rit. *Fine*

VERSE 1: Adult Solo *Slightly faster* (♩ = ca. 108)

1. Shep-herds stood watch - ing, keep - ing their sheep, and

1. sud - den - ly an - gels ap - peared.

1. "Don't be a - fraid. We bring you great joy: Your

1. Sav - ior is born this night." *rit.* *D.S.*

VERSE 2: Adult Solo *Slightly faster* (♩ = ca. 108)

2. "And this will be a sign to you: the

2. ba - by will lie in a man - ger in the

2. cit - y of Da - vid, in Beth - le - hem.

2. Go now, vis - it your Lord." *rit.* *D.S.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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A D A E E7 *rit.*

REFRAIN: Children's Chorus (Tempo I)

Melody *mf* A D A F#m

Harmony

Chil- dren, run joy - ful- ly, Je - sus is born. Tell all the

***Descant**

Je - sus, Sav - ior, hear us

A E E7 A A7

moun- tains to sing. _____ Pray to our Fa - ther in

sing, hear us pray. Bless us,

D A Bm E

heav - en this day: Thank you, for Je - sus is born. _____

Lord God. Come to us, be

1-2 A to Verses

1-2 to Verses

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Final

A Bm *rit.* E A *Fine*

born. _____

born. _____

VERSE 1: Adult Solo *Slightly faster* (♩ = ca. 108)

mf E E7 A D

1. Shep-herds stood watch-ing, keep-ing their sheep, and sud-den-ly

1. an-gels ap-peared. _____ “Don’t be a-fraid. We

1. bring you great joy: Your Sav-ior is born this night.” _____

A F#m D B E E7 *rit.* *D.S.*

VERSE 2: Adult Solo *Slightly faster* (♩ = ca. 108)

mf E E7 A D

2. “And this will be a sign to you: the ba-by will

2. lie in a man-ger _____ in the cit-y of Da-vid, in

2. Beth-le-hem. Go now, vis-it your Lord.” _____

A F#m D B E E7 *rit.* *D.S.*

Assembly Edition

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Refrain

Chil-dren, run joy - ful-ly, Je - sus is born. Tell all the
 moun-tains to sing. Pray to our Fa - ther in
 heav-en this day: Thank you, for Je - sus is born.

Verse 1

1. Shep-herds stood watch-ing, keep-ing their sheep, and sud-den-ly
 1. an-gels ap-peared. "Don't be a - fraid. We bring you great
 1. joy: Your Sav - ior is born this night." to Refrain

Verse 2

2. "And this will be a sign to you: the ba - by will
 2. lie in a man-ger in the cit-y of Da-vid, in
 2. Beth - le - hem. Go now, vis - it your Lord." to Refrain

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