

This day Christ was born

A Caroll for Christmas Day

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Psalmes, songs and sonnets (London, 1611)

Musical score for the first system, featuring six vocal parts: Cantus I, Cantus II, Sextus, Contratenor, Tenor, and Bassus. The music is in 4/2 time with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are as follows:

Cantus I: This day Christ was born, Christ was born, *Christ was born,*

Cantus II: This day Christ was born, Christ

Sextus: This day Christ was born, Christ was born, *Christ was*

Contratenor: This day Christ was born, Christ was born,

Tenor: This day Christ was born,

Bassus: This day Christ

Musical score for the second system, continuing the six vocal parts. The lyrics are as follows:

Cantus I: ⁵ this day Christ was born. This day our Sa - vi-or did ap - pear.

Cantus II: - was born, *Christ was born.* This day our Sa - vi-or did ap - pear, did ap -

Sextus: born, Christ was born. This day our Sa - vi - or did ap - pear.

Contratenor: *Christ was born.* This day our Sa - vi-or did ap - pear, ap - pear, did ap - pear.

Tenor: this day Christ was born. This day our Sa - vi-or did ap - pear. This

Bassus: was born, Christ was born. This day our Sa - vi-or did ap - pear, ap - pear.

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This day the An - gels sing in earth, this day the An - gels
 pear. This day the An - gels do sing in earth,
 This day the An - gels sing in earth, the An - gels sing in earth, in earth,
 This day the An - gels sing in earth, the An - gels sing in earth, the An - gels sing in
 day the An - gels sing in earth, this day the An - gels sing in earth,
 — This day the An - gels sing

— sing in earth,
 sing in earth, the Arch-an-gels are glad, are glad,
 the An - gels sing in earth, the Arch - an-gels are glad, are
 earth, the An - gels sing in earth, in earth, the Arch-
 the An - gels sing in earth, the Arch-an-gels are glad, are glad, the Arch-an-gels
 in earth, in earth, the Arch-an-gels are glad,

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joyce, re - joyce, this day the just re -
 joyce, the just re - joyce, this day
 This day the just re - joyce, re - joyce,
 joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce,
 This day the just re - joyce, the just re -
 This day the just re - joyce, the

joyce, the just re - joyce, re - joyce, say - ing,
 the just re - joyce, re - joyce, say - ing, say -
 this day the just re - joyce, re - joyce, say - ing,
 this day the just re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, say - ing,
 joyce, the just re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, say - ing,
 just re - joyce, the just re - joyce, re - joyce, say - ing,

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say - - - ing: Glo-ry be to God on high, glo - ry be to
 - ing, say - - - ing: Glo - ry be to God on high, to God
 say - - - ing: Glo - ry be to God on high,
 say - ing: Glo - ry be to God on
 say - - - ing, say - - - ing: Glo - ry be to God,
 say - - - ing: Glo - ry

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God on high, glo-ry be to God on high, to God on high, on
 on high, to God on high,
 glo - ry be to God on high, on high, glo - ry be to
 high, glo - ry be to God on high, to God on high, glo - ry
 glo - ry be to God on high, on high, on high, glo -
 be to God on high, on high, glo - ry be to God on high,

high, glo - ry be to God on high, on

glo - ry be to God on high, glo - ry be to God on high,

God, glo - ry be to God on high, to God on high, to

be to God on high, glo - ry be to God on high,

- ry be to God on high, glo - ry be to God

to God on high, to God on high, to God on high,

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high, on high, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

on high, on high, Al - le - lu - ia.

God on high, on high. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

glo - ry be to God on high, on high. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

on high, on high. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

to God on high. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

This day Christ was born.
 This day our Savior did appear.
 This day the Angels sing in earth,
 the Archangels are glad.
 This day the just rejoyce, saying:
 Glory be to God on high. Alleluia.