

Seek Him Still

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Narration 1:

Narrator 1: In Luke 2, we read of the multitude of the heavenly host who cried
“Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward man.”

These same words are echoed in the well-loved hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High”
where the angels' praise is translated into Latin: “Gloria in excelsis Deo”.

Narrator 2: These angelic choirs might have even been the same morning stars that
shouted for joy when beholding the creation of the earth. The scriptures tell us that Jesus Christ
formed the earth under the direction of His Heavenly Father. On the first Christmas night, the angels
celebrated again Christ's return to the earth, to save those very souls for whom he had created it.

Narrator 3: Christ did not come to die for the people of some strange, unfamiliar place.
This earth was the workmanship of His own hands, and those who lived on it, His spirit
brothers and sisters. It is no wonder that the angels sang for joy, knowing that they too
had a part in Christ's salvation.

Angels We Have Heard on High

(All Creatures of Our God and King)

French Carol

St. Francis of Assisi

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Geistliche Kirchengesange

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A musical score for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano. The music is in common time (indicated by '3'). The vocal parts are in treble clef, while the piano part is split between bass and treble clefs. The vocal parts have rests for most of the first measure, followed by a melodic line starting with an eighth note. The piano part features a harmonic progression with chords in the bass and sustained notes or harmonics in the treble. The lyrics 'An gels__ We have heard on' are written below the vocal parts.

Angels We Have Heard on High

3

9

S lu jah And _____ the mount ains in re ply Ec _____ ho ing their joy ous

A - - And _____ the mount ains in ry ply _____ Ec _____ ho ing their joy ous

T - - - -

B - - - -

Pno.

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18

Musical score for 'Shep herds, why this jungle'. The vocal line starts with 'lu jah.' followed by a short rest. The lyrics 'Shep herds, why this jungle' are set to a melodic line with eighth-note patterns. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 108.

18

Musical notation for the lyrics "lu jah." The staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of A major (no sharps or flats). The first note is a whole note on the second line, followed by the lyrics "lu". The second note is a whole note on the fourth line, followed by the lyrics "jah.". There are four empty measures on the staff.

Musical notation for the lyrics "Shepherds why this iu bi". The staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The time signature is 8/8. The melody consists of eighth-note patterns followed by quarter notes.

A musical staff starting with a bass clef. The staff has five vertical tick marks (dashes) positioned at regular intervals along the line, indicating a specific pitch or note value.

Musical score for piano, page 18, measures 18-21. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is treble clef and the bottom staff is bass clef. Measure 18 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 19 begins with a piano dynamic. Measure 20 features a sustained note. Measure 21 concludes with a half note.

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5

23

S lee? Why your joy our strains pro long? Al le lu jah Al le

A

T lee? Why your joy our strains pro long? Al le lu jah Al le

B

Pno.

27

S lu jah What the glad some ti dings be Which in spire your heav'n ly

A lu jah Which in spire your heav'n ly

T lu jah What the glad some ti dings be

B

Pno.

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S 31
A 31
T 8
B
Pno.

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves represent the voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The Soprano and Alto staves begin with a treble clef, while the Tenor and Bass staves begin with a bass clef. The key signature is A major (one sharp). The time signature for the vocal parts is common time (indicated by '31'). The vocal parts sing the lyrics 'Alleluia' and 'O praise Him'. The Tenor and Bass staves have rests at the beginning. The piano part (bottom staff) begins with a treble clef and an 8th note time signature. It provides harmonic support with chords, primarily consisting of eighth-note patterns.

36

S lu jah. Come to Beth le hem and

A lu jah. Come to Beth le hem and

T 8 lu jah. Come to Beth le hem and

B

Pno.

Angels We Have Heard on High

7

41

S

A

T

B

Pno.

45

S lu jah Come _____ a dore on bend ed knee Christ _____ the Lord, the new born

A lu jah Come _____ a dore on bend ed knee Christ _____ the Lord, the new born

T lu jah Come _____ a dore on bend ed knee Christ _____ the Lord, the new born

B lu jah Come _____ a dore on bend ed knee Christ _____ the Lord, the new born

Pno.

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8
49

Soprano (S) vocal line:

King. Alle lu jah Alle lu jah Alle lu jah O praise Him Alle

Alto (A) vocal line:

King. Alle lu jah Alle lu jah Alle lu jah O praise Him Alle

Tenor (T) vocal line:

King. Alle lu jah Alle lu jah Alle lu jah O praise Him Alle

Bass (B) vocal line:

King. Alle lu jah Alle lu jah Alle lu jah O praise Him Alle

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment (measures 49-53):

The piano part consists of a steady eighth-note bass line and harmonic chords in common time.

54

Soprano (S) vocal line:

lu jah. All creatures of our God and

Alto (A) vocal line:

lu jah. All creatures of our God and

Tenor (T) vocal line:

lu jah. All creatures of our God and

Bass (B) vocal line:

lu jah. All creatures of our God and

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment (measures 54-58):

The piano part features a rhythmic pattern of eighth-note chords and sustained notes, primarily in common time.

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9

58

S King, Lift up your voice and with us sing; Alle lu jah Alle

A King, Lift up your voice and with us sing; Alle lu jah Alle

T King, Lift up your voice and with us sing; Alle lu jah Alle

B King, Lift up your voice and with us sing; Alle lu jah Alle

Pno.

62

S lu jah The Prince of Peace is born to day. Let us walk ev er in His

A lu jah The Prince of Peace is born to day. Let us walk ev er in His

T lu jah The Prince of Peace is born to day. Let us walk ev er in His

B lu jah The Prince of Peace is born to day. Let us walk ev er in His

Pno.

10

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Soprano (S) 66

Al le lu jah Al le lu jah Al le lu jah O

Alto (A) 66

way! _____ Al le lu ____ jah Al le lu ____ jah Al le lu ____ jah O

Tenor (T) 8

way! Al le lu ____ jah Al le lu ____ jah Al le lu ____ jah O

Bass (B)

way! _____ Al le lu jah Al le lu ____ jah Al le lu ____ jah O

Piano (Pno.)

70

Soprano (S)

praise Him Al le lu jah. Al

Alto (A) 70

praise Him Al le lu ____ jah. Al

Tenor (T) 8

praise Him Al le lu ____ jah. Al

Bass (B)

praise Him Al le lu ____ jah. Al

Piano (Pno.)

74

S

A

T

B

Pno.

le lu jah! _____

le lu jah! _____

le lu jah! _____

le lu jah! _____