

for Dr. J. Reilly Lewis and Washington Cathedral Choral Society

Rejoice and be merry

for Mixed Voices, S.A.T.B., with keyboard and optional handbells

Words: English traditional

JOHN RUTTER

Joyfully: one-in-a-bar (♩ = 66)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

HANDBELLS
(optional)

Keyboard
reduction

Joyfully: one-in-a-bar (♩ = 66)

f marcato

mf leggiero

1. Re -

mf leggiero

dim.

dim.

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-jice and be mer - ry in songs and in mirth, O praise our Re - deem - er, all

p

mp

19

mor - tals on earth: For this is the birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who

mp

mp

p

25

brought us sal - va - tion: his prai - ses, his prai - ses we'll

cresc. *f* *marcato*

cresc. *f* *marcato*

cresc. *f*

31 **A** *unis. f*

sing. Re - jice and be mer - ry in

unis. f

37 *mf*

songs and in mirth, O praise our Re - deem - er, all mor - tals on earth: For

mf

43 *cresc.*

this is the birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion: his

cresc.

mf *cresc.*

49

prai - ses, his prai - ses we'll sing.

dim.

56 **SOPRANOS and ALTOS** *mp dolce* **B***

2. A hea - ven - ly vi - sion ap - peared in the sky, Vast num - bers of

p

B

p legato

62

S. A. an - gels the shep - herds did spy, Pro - claim - ing the birth - day of Je - sus our

T. B.

mf

mp

* The middle voice may be sung by 2nd soprano, 1st alto, or a mixture of both. The three voices should be equally balanced.

68 (ALLOS) (SOPRANOS) *mf*

mf King, Who brought us sal - va - tion: his prai - ses, — his prai - ses — we'll

pp

75 **C**

sing. —

TENORS and BASSES *wis. mf legato*

3. Like - wise a bright

C

mp non legato

82

star in the sky did ap - pear, Which led the wise men from the East to draw

88

They found the Mes - si - ah, sweet Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal -

mp
p Hum _____ Hum _____ Hum _____
near; *p*

94

- va - tion, his prai - ses we'll sing.

dim. *p*
T. his prai - ses we'll sing.
B. we'll *dim.* *p* sing.
dim. *pp*

100

D

Hum _____
p
D
(Handbells)
p

107

4. And when they were come, they their trea-sures un-fold, And un-to him

P

Hum _____ Hum _____

pp

113

of-fered myrrh, in-cense and gold.

E

So bles-sed for ev-er be Je-sus our

mp cresc.

E

mp *cresc.*

119

King, Who brought us sal-va-tion: his prai-ses we'll sing, his

mf *cresc.*

mf *cresc.*

mf *cresc.*

124 *f*

prai - ses — we'll sing.

prai - ses, — his prai - ses — we'll sing.

130 **F** *ff*

Re - joice and be mer - - ry,

cresc. *ff* *f*

136 *f*

re - joice and be mer - - ry, re - joice and — be

f *mf* (+ handbells)

142 *cresc.*

mer - ry, re - jice and be mer - ry, re - re -

cresc.

f cresc.

148 *ff*

-jice, -jice, re - - - jice, re -

ff

152 *senza rit.*

-jice!

senza rit.

cresc.

fff