Jabulani Music

THIS JOYFUL MORN
for Cantor, Assembly, SA Choir
with Keyboard, Handbells, Flute & Guitar

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Now once again our hearts we raise
and sing our thankful songs of praise:

> *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
> *Christus natus est! Christ is born for*
us!

We come with praise this joyful morn
on which an age-long hope is born:

For unto us has come this day
a child to wipe all tears away:

We offer thanks this joyful morn
on which unfailing love is born:

With gladness born, and love we bring
and welcome here our new-born King:

We wake to praise this joyful morn
on which our great dream is born:

Make music, join the choirs and sing,
the One has come to whom we bring:

We live in peace this joyful morn
on which unfailing peace is born:

So once again let all rejoice,
make merry now, and raise the voice:

We live in light this joyful morn
on which eternal life is born:

This piece is a blend of the French carol of the shepherd's pipes and the English choral tradition. The refrain of this song, as in other songs of this Christmas Song Cycle, uses a device known as a *macaronic*. This is when when a song switches between different languages, in this instance between English and Latin. This provides a medieval ring, and makes it a lot of fun to sing. ***Christus natus est, Christ is born for us.*** The choral descant is optional, and may be played on an instrument.

Odd-numbered verses are a proclamation, to be sung by cantor or unison choir sections. Even- numbered verses are the response, for choir and assembly, with equal-voice duet. The piece may also be sung by dividing the choir or singers into right and left sections, providing an antiphonal style of singing. Even verses are scored for organ, a handbell Intermezzo may be played between verses 5 and 6, and on the Final Refrain all instruments are used.

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Christmas Song Cycle 9

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Now Once Again Our Hearts We Raise

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ODD VERSES Cantor

1.	Now				our	hearts	we	raise	and
3.	For	un-	to	us	has	come	this	day	a
5.	With	glad-	ness	born	of	hope	we	sing	and
7.	M	mu-	sic,	sing	a	cheer-	ful	song,	the
9.		once	a -	gain	let	all	re -	joice,	make

1. sing our thank - ful songs praise:
3. child to wipe all tears
5. wel - come here our Shep - herd
7. One has come for whom we long:
9. mer - ry sound and raise voice:

A   C♯m   F♯m7   A
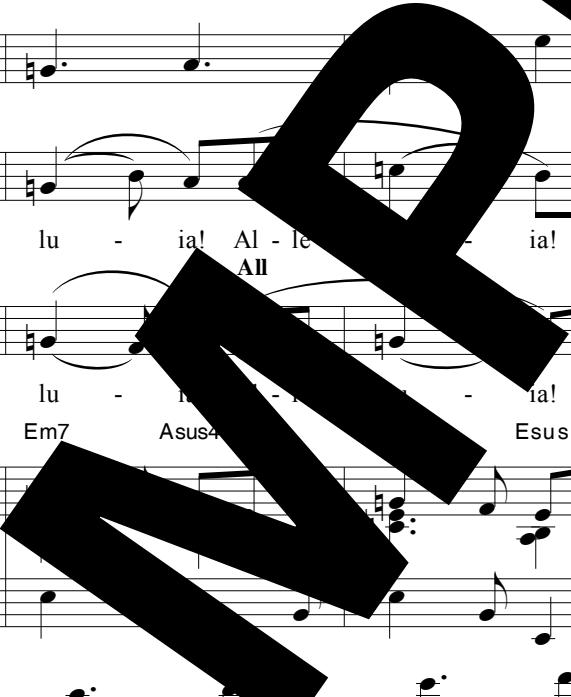
REFRAIN

Flute

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Cantor   **All**   **Cantor**   **All**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em7 Asus4   Esus   G/E A

ia! Chris - tus na - tus est!_____ Christ is born for

All

ia! Chris - tus na - tus est!_____ Christ is born for

A F/D   G   A Bm/A   F/A   G/A

INTERMEZZO Handbells between Verses 5 & 6

lu - ia! Chris - tus na - tus est!

Cantor

lu - ia! Chris - tus na - tus est!

Christ is born for

All
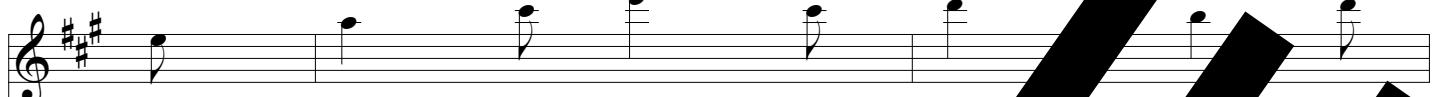
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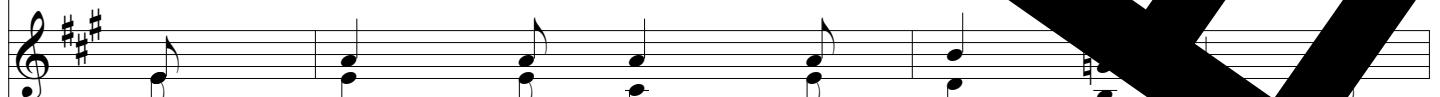
to **Verse 6**

EVEN VERSES Flute
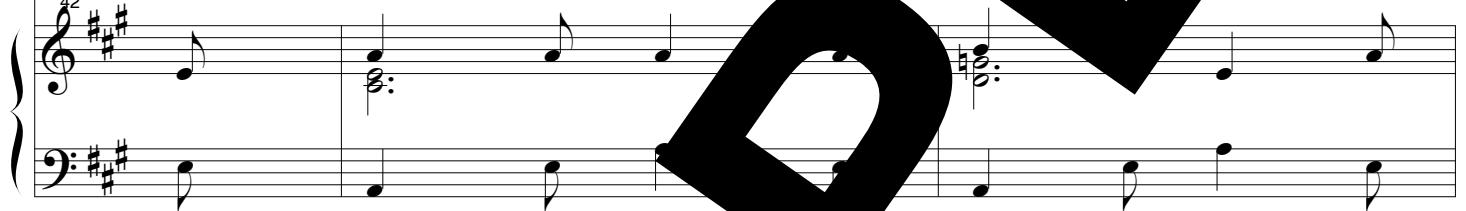
Choir (+ All) or SA Duet

2.	We	come	with	praise	this	joy	-	ful	morn	on
4.	We	of	-	fer	thanks	this	joy	-	ful	morn	on
6.	We	wake	from	sleep	this	joy	-	ful	m	on
8.	We	sing	and	dance	this		-	ful		on
10.	We	live	in	light	this		-	ful		on

A   G

to **Refrain**
or **Final Refrain**

2.	which		an	age	long	hope	is	born:
4.	which		un	-	fail	ing	peace	is	born:
6.	which		life	-	long	dream	is	born:
8.	which			-	ing	love	is	born:
10.	which		e	-	nal	life	is	born:

A   F#m7   A

REFRAIN

Flute

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-

Cantor   **All**   **Cantor**   **All**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al - le - ia! Al-le - ia!

Em7   Asus4   C   Esus   A   A

Chris - tus na - tus est! Christ is born for us! _____

Cantor   **All**

Chris - tus na - tus est! Christ is born for us! _____

F/D   G   A   F/A   G/A   A   B/A

to **Odd Verses**

B   G/E   A/E   G/E   A/E

FINAL REFRAIN

Flute

Handbells

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Cantor   All   All

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - ia! Al - le -

Em7   Asus4   G   A

lu - ia! ___ tus na - tus est! ___ Christ is born for

tor   All

lu - ia! ___ tus na - tus est! ___ Christ is born for

Em   D   G   A   Bm/A   F   G

us!

us!

A   B/A   A   B/A   B/A   A   B/A   A+2

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Christmas Song Cycle 9

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VERSES ♩. = *ca. 66*

1. *Cantor* — Now once a - gain our hearts we raise
2. *Choir or SA Duet* — We come with praise this joy - ful morn
3. *Cantor* — For un - to us has come the a
4. *Choir or SA Duet* — We of - fer thanks this joy - ful on
5. *Cantor* — With glad - ness born of hope we sing and
6. *Choir or SA Duet* — We wake from sleep this joy - ful morn on
7. *Cantor* — Make mu - sic, sing cheer - ful - ing, the
8. *Choir or SA Duet* — We sing and dance joy - f morn on
9. *Cantor* — So once a - gain let joice, make
10. *Choir or SA Duet* — We live in this joy - ful morn on

1. sing our thank - so of praise:
2. which an age - long is born:
3. child to wipe all a - way:
4. which un - fail peo is born:
5. wel - come here Shep herd King:
6. which a life - dream is born:
7. One has come for we long:
8. which un - e - is born:
9. mer - ry a raise the voice:
10. which e - life is born:

REFRAIN

Descant — Al - le lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor ... **Cantor** ... **All** — Al - le ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

DS. or Fine

tus na - est! Christ is born for us!

All — Chris - tus na - tus est! Christ is born for us!