Sing, Choirs of Angels is an inspiring Christmas medley that incorporates the traditional carols Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, It Came upon the Midnight Clear, Angels We Have Heard on High and O Come, All Ye Faithful. Special features include the use of optional audience or congregational singing and narration (reproducible parts on pages 15 and 16, respectively). It is ideal for school concerts, especially as a concert finale, or Christmas worship, especially a service of lessons and carols.

This dynamic arrangement may be accompanied by keyboard alone, by keyboard and solo trumpet (see page 14), or by keyboard and an instrumental accompaniment consisting of 2 trumpets, trombone, French hom or opt. trombone, and tuba. An InstruPax, featuring both instrumental parts and a complete Director's Score, is available separately, No. 19987. A fully-orchestrated compact disc recording, featuring both performance and accompaniment tracks, is also available, No. 19986.

For worship performances, suggested corresponding scripture readings include Isaiah 9: 6-7 & 40: 9-11, Micah 5: 1-5 and Luke 2: 1-14. One basic homiletical theme is joining with the heavenly angel hosts to sing glory to God for the birth of the Messiah.

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for S.A.B. voices, accompanied, with opt. narration, soloists, solo trumpet or brass ensemble, and audience or congregation*

> TRADITIONAL CAROLS Arranged by JAY ALTHOUSE



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- ** Melody by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapted by William H. Cummings (1831-1915); words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

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* Melody by Richard S. Willis (1819-1900); words by Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876). 19985





* Traditional French carol.

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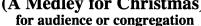


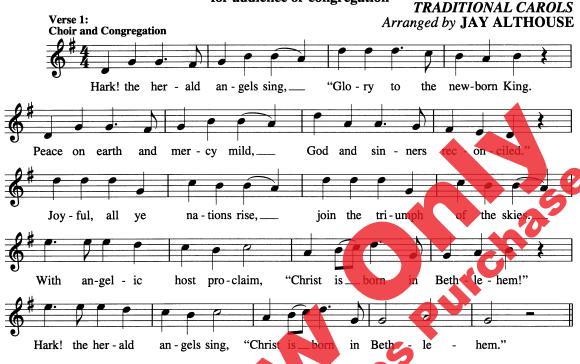
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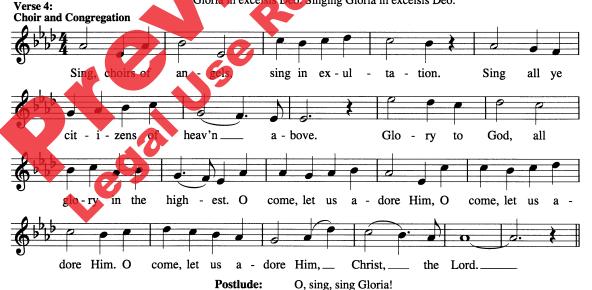
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Verse 2: (Choir only) It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth to such their harps of gold. "Peace on the earth, good will to men from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear them sing, the angels sing, to hear the angels sing.

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains:
Gloria in excelsis Leo Singing Gloria in excelsis Deo. Verse 3: (Choir only)



(Choir only) Sing Gloria! Sing Gloria! The publisher hereby grants permission to reprint only this page for the

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NARRATION

(Responsive Reading on Luke 2: 1-14 & Isaiah 9: 6-7a)

A decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should Narrator:

> be registered. This was the first census, and it was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all people went to the towns of

their birth to be registered.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. *Response:

Narrator: Joseph traveled from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea to the

> city of David called Bethlehem, because he was a descendant David. He went with Mary, to whom he was engaged, and who

expecting her first child.

Response: And the government will be upon His shoulde

Narrator: While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her

> child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no

room for them in the inn.

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Response:**

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

On that same night, there were shepherds in the countryside, keeping Narrator:

watch over the flock by night And, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared before them, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them, and they were terrified But the angel said, "Do not be afraid; for behold. I bring you good news of great joy for all people: unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ, the

Lord

Of the increase of His government and His peace there will be no end, Response:

upon the throne of David and over His kingdom.

"This will be a sign for you: you will find a Child wrapped in Narrato swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and say-

ing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to those whom He favors!"

* Audience, Congregation or Opt. Narrator 2

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