

BEN PARRY

Three Angels

SATB and Organ

Words by
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Text: Garth Bardsley

Three angels came to visit me
And brought with them such riches to see
Before my eyes these gifts they did show

In dulci, dulci jubilo!

The first to me did turn and say:
“Have faith for God this very day
A child, he brings, this earth, to bless

Mirabile, miranda res!”

In time, the next did sing hereto:

“Rejoice for hope is born anew

All sorrow now at once dispel

Natus Emmanuel!”

Did then, the third, proclaim above:
“All things on earth are ruled by love
For loving hearts are hearts well blessed

In quo Christus natus est!”

Oh! may these gifts fore'er be mine;
New faith, new hope, new love divine,
All happiness, will now ensure,

Gaudeamus igitur!

All men should know that by their side
Are angels there to teach and to guide
Then look to them and hear them sing:

“Hallelujah to the King!

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First performed at Snape Maltings, December, 2010 by Aldeburgh Voices, Ben Parry (conductor)

Duration c.2 ½ minutes

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GARTH BARDSLEY

BEN PARRY

Quite fast and excited ♩ = 198

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