

CHRIST'S NATIVITY

Awake, glad heart! get up and sing!
It is the birth-day of thy King.
Awake! awake! The Sun doth shake
Light from his locks, and all the way
Breathing perfumes, doth spice the day.

Awake! awake! The Sun doth shake
Awake, awake! hark how th' wood rings;
Winds whisper, and the busy springs
A concert make; Awake! awake!
Man is their high-priest, and should rise
To offer up the sacrifice.

I would I were some bird, or star,
Flutt'ring in woods, or lifted far
Above this inn, and road of sin!
Then either star or bird should be
Shining or singing still to thee.

I would I had in my best part
Fit rooms for thee! or that my heart
Were so clean as Thy manger was!
But I am all filth, and obscene;
Yet, if thou wilt, thou canst make clean.

Sweet Jesu! will then. Let no more
This leper haunt and soil thy door!
Cure him, ease him, O release him!
And let once more, by mystic birth,
The Lord of life be born in earth.

Henry Vaughan

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Duration: c. 4 minutes

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Alexander Levine

Andante giovale ♩ = 76

S.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

(Sw to Mixt to Gt fonds)

mf

mf

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A *f*

f

a-wake, a-wake, a - wake, glad

a-wake, a-wake, a - wake, glad

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f

f

7

mf heart! a - wake, glad heart! get up and sing!

mf heart! a - wake, glad heart! get up and sing!

f a-wake, a - wake, a - wake, get up and sing! *mf* a - wake,

f a-wake, a - wake, a - wake, get up and sing! *mf* a - wake,

(Choir Trumpet)

(Great or Swell)

10 *poco forte* *senza rall.* *ff*

get up and sing! get up and sing! get up and sing!

poco forte *ff*

get up and sing! get up and sing! get up and sing!

poco forte *ff*

— a - wake, get up and sing! get up and sing!

poco forte *ff*

— a - wake, get up and sing! get up and sing!

(Gt) *mf* l.h. *ff*

3 3 3

senza rall.

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a-wake! a-wake! the Sun doth shake light from his locks, and
 a-wake! a-wake! the Sun doth shake light from his locks, and
 a-wake! a-wake! the Sun doth shake light from his locks, and
 a-wake! a-wake! the Sun doth shake light from his locks, and

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

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all the way_ breath - ing per - fumes,
 all the way_ breath - ing per - fumes, breath - ing per - fumes, doth
 all the way breath - ing per - fumes, breath - ing per - fumes, doth
 all the way_ breath - ing per - fumes, doth

f *legatissimo*

mf

f *legatissimo*

mp

mf

f *legatissimo*

mp

mf

mp

(Solo flute)

(Sw only)

(Sw)