

Ode for Christmas Day

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Words by Ewan Clark, adapted by Ian Wright
Set to a traditional Ukrainian melody after Vasyl Barvinsky

For SATB Choir (with divisi)
and piano/organ

Ewan Clark (1734-1811) published his poem 'Ode for Christmas Day' in his 'Miscellaneous Poems' of 1779. He was born in Standingstone, Wigton and kept a schoolhouse in the town. His brother, Revd. Wilfrid Clark, was the Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Wigton.

Vasyl Barvinsky (1888-1963) was Director of the Lysenko Institute of Music Education in Lviv, and was one of the first Ukrainian composers to gain worldwide recognition. In 1912 he published arrangements of Ukrainian folk songs including this melody, entitled "Oh, what a wonder". In 1948 he was denounced and sentenced to ten years imprisonment by the Soviet authorities, and his works were suppressed. After his release in 1958 he tried to reconstruct his works which had been destroyed by the NKVD, but many were not rediscovered until after his death in 1963.

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Ewan Clark (Wigton, 1779)
adapted by Ian Wright

Traditional Ukrainian Melody
arr. by Ian Wright

Andante

SOPRANO 1 *mf*
In ex

SOPRANO 2 *mf*
In ex cel sis

ALTO 1 *mp* *mf*
In ex cel sis glo-ri- a! In ex cel sis

ALTO 2 *p* *mp*
Ah Ah In ex cel sis glo-ri- a!

TENOR *p* *mp*
Ah In ex cel sis glo-ri- a! in ex cel sis glo - ri -

BASS 1 *p*
Ah Glo - ri - a!

BASS 2 *p*
Ah Ah Glo - ri - a!

Keyboard *p* *cresc.*
p *cresc.*

A

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S. *f* *mf*
cel - sis glo-ri - a! In ex-cel - sis glo-ri - a! 1. Hark! Ce-les-tial voi-ces sing

S.2 *f* *mf*
glo-ri - a! In ex-cel - sis glo-ri - a! Glo-ri - a! 1. Hark! Ce-les-tial voi-ces sing

A. *f* *mf*
glo-ri - a! In excel - sis glo-ri - a! In ex-cel sis glo-ri - a! 'This

A.2 *mf* *f* *mf*
In excel - sis glo-ri - a! Glo-ri - a! 'This

T. *f*
a! In excel - sis glo-ri - a! In ex-cel sis glo-ri - a!

B. *mf* *f*
Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Ex-cel sis glo-ri - a!

B.2 *mf* *f*
Glo - ri - a! Glor - ri - a!

Kbd. *f* *mp*
f mp

A

15

S. *mf*
Redeem-er of man's sin-ful race!

A. *mf*
day is born the heav-'nly king', Oh! What a won-der-ful grace!

Kbd. *mf*

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S. *f*
Join, ye lands, the joy-ful lay With a-dor-a-tion hail the day: *In ex-cel-sis glo ri - a! In ex-cel-sis glo ri*

A. *f*
Join, ye lands, the joy-ful lay With a-dor-a-tion hail the day: *In ex-cel-sis glo ri - a! In ex-cel-sis glo ri*

Kbd. *mf*

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S. *mf* **B**
a! 2. No bla-zon'd dome, no dow-ny bed, Protects the heav'n sprung stran ger's head. No

A. *mf*
a! 2. No bla-zon'd dome, no dow-ny bed, Protects the stran - ger's head, the stran ger's

T. *mp*
2. No bla-zon'd dome Pro - tects the stran ger's head, the stran ger's

B. *mp*
2. No _____ dow-ny bed Pro - tects the stran ger's head.

Kbd. **B**

33

S. pom pous pa geants his birth pro claim, But ev-er hal lowed his name! A hum-ble man-ger_

A. *mf* head. No pa geants his birth pro claim, but ev-er hal lowed his name! A hum - ble, a

T. head. But ev - er hal-lowed, ev - er hal lowed his name. In a hum-ble

B. No pom pous pa geants hal-lowed, ev - er hal lowed his name. In a hum-ble

Kbd.

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S. is th'ab-ode_ Of Christ, the liv - ing_ son of God! *f* In ex-cel - sis_ glo-ri - a! In ex-

A. hum - ble man-ger, Christ, li - ving son of God! *f* In ex-cel - sis_ glo-ri - a! In ex-

T. man - ger lies Christ, the li-ving son of God! *f* Glo-ri - a! In excelsis glo ri-

B. man - ger lies Christ, the liv-ing son of God! *f* Glo-ri - a! In excelsis glo ri-

Kbd.

43

S. *mf* *div.* Ah

A. *mp* Ah

T. *mp* Ah *f* 3. Heav'n ly hosts in

B. *mp* Ah Ah *mf* Ah

Kbd.

C

50

S. Ah

A. *f* still an-nual hail this ho-ly day, *mf* Ah *f* and

T. bright ar ray In God's court sing count-less throngs

B. Ah

Kbd.

55

S. *Ah*

A. fill the heav'ns with their songs. On gold-en harps each hand es - says to

T. On gol - den harps each hand es-says to

B. Gold - en harps, each hand, to

Kbd.

59

S. *f* In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a! In ex -

A. sing the sweet Mes - si - ah's praise: *f* Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a

T. sing the sweet Mes - si - ah's praise: *f* Glo - ri - a In ex - cel - sis

B. sing the sweet mes - si - ah's praise: *f* Glo - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis

Kbd.

63

S. *cel - sis_ glo-ri - a!*

A. *Glo - ri - a! In ex-cel sis glo-ri - a Ah*

T. *glo - ri - a! In ex-cel sis glo-ri - a! Ah*

B. *Glo - ri a! Glo - ri - a Ah*

mf

mf

mf

div.

Kbd.

69

S. *f*
4. Shall we then keep si - lent on this

A. *f*
4. Shall we then keep si - lent on this

T. *f*
4. Shall we then, mere clods of clay, keep si - lent on this_ sol - emn

B. *f*
4. Shall we then, mere clods of clay, keep si - lent on this sol - emn

D

Kbd.

72

S. sol-emn day, while an-gels and arch - an - gels their prai - ses bring

A. sol-emn day, while an-gels and arch - an - gels their prai - ses bring

T. day, While an-gels and arch - an-gels bring their prai-ses to our sav-iour

B. day, While an-gels and arch - an-gels bring their prai-ses to our sav-iour

Kbd.

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S. *ff* to our sav- iour? For-bid it Lord! But we should try__ to aid heavn's con - cert in the sky: *In ex*

A. *ff* to our sav- iour? For-bid it Lord! But we should try__ to aid heavn's con - cert in the sky: *In ex*

T. *ff* king? For-bid it, Lord! But we should try to aid heavn's con - cert in the sky:

B. *ff* king? For-bid it Lord! But we should try to aid heavn's con - cert in the sky:

Kbd.

E

S. *cel-sis glo ri - a! In ex-cel-sis glo ri - a! In ex-cel - sis glo-ri - a! In ex-cel - sis glori*

S.2 *cel-sis glo ri - a! In ex-cel-sis glo ri - a! In ex-cel - sis glo-ri - a! In ex*

A. *cel-sis glo ri - a! In ex-cel sis glo ri - a, ex-cel - sis glo ri a! In excel - sis*

A.2 *cel-sis glo ri - a! In ex-cel-sis glo ri - a, In ex-cel - sis glo ri a! In excel - sis*

T. *In_ ex - cel sis glo ri - a! In ex cel sis glo-ri - a In ex-cel - sis glo - ri - a!*

B. *In_ ex - cel - sis glo ri - a! In ex - cel - sis Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri -*

B.2 *In_ ex - cel - sis glo ri - a! In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a! Glo - ri -*

Kbd. *p cresc.*

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S. *f*
a! In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis glo - ri -

S.2 *f*
cel - sis glo - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a! In ex -

A. *f*
glo - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis Glo - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis

A.2 *f*
glo - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a! In ex -

T. *f*
In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a!

B. *f*
a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri -

B.2 *f*
a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri -

Kbd. *f*

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S. *a!*

S.2 *cel - sis glo - ri - a!*

A. *glo - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!*

A.2 *cel - sis glo - ri - a!*

T. *In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!*

B. *a! In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!*

B.2 *a! Glo - ri a!*

Kbd.