

O for a lay !

Easter Carol

Mit Freuden zart (Bohemian Bretheren, 1566)

arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

1. O for a lay! For on this day, This day, the first of the se - ven
Christ is re - stored to life, the Lord, Mon - arch of earth and of hea - ven.

De - feat - ed hell, and death as well, On East - er E'en our God is seen

Stand - ing a - mid the E - le - ven.

2. Fair was the morn when Christ was born,
But fairer yet is the morrow,
When from the dead uprose our Head,
Ending our night-time of sorrow.
And from the light of Easter bright
We, ash and dust, sure hope and trust
of our agen-rising borrow.

3. So, man, rejoice, uplift thy voice,
Alle-Alle-Alleluya.
Soothly 'tis time to clang the chime,
Alle-Alle-Alleluya.
Sirs, pray you sing to Christ our King,
Who, lately slain, is ris'n again ;
Alle-Alle-Alleluya.