

# From Heaven Above

choral partita for three-part mixed choir a cappella

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Text: Martin Luther (1535)

Melody: Martin Luther (1539)

Translation: Catherine Winkworth (1863)

## A

Soprano

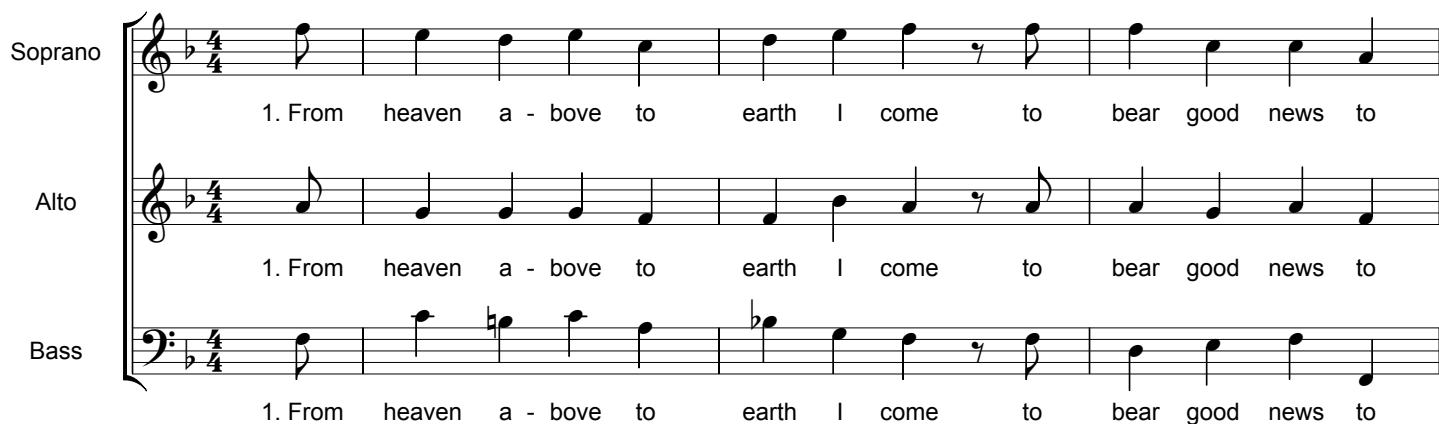
1. From heaven a - bove to earth I come to bear good news to

Alto

1. From heaven a - bove to earth I come to bear good news to

Bass

1. From heaven a - bove to earth I come to bear good news to



4

S

ev' - ry home, glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, where -

A

ev' - ry home, glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, where -

B

ev' - ry home, glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, where -



7

S

of I now will say and sing:

A

of I now will say and sing:

B

of I now will say and sing:



Shorter (and easier) combination of the verses:  
1A-2B-3C-4D-5E-(6B-7C-8D-9E)-12B-13C-14D-15E

**B**<sup>9</sup>

S  
A  
B

2. To you this night is born a child  
6. Now let us all with glad - some cheer  
12. Thus hath it pleas'd Thee to make plain the

11  
S  
A  
B

of Ma - ry, cho - sen moth - er mild,  
fol - low truth the to us poor fools and vain,  
this to that

13  
S  
A  
B

litt - le child of low gift - ly birth, shall  
see this wond - rous wealth of God who  
this world's hon - our, and might are

15

S  
 be the joy, shall be the joy of all your earth.  
 hath his son, who hath his on - ly Son be - stow'd.  
 nought and less, are nought and worth - less in Thy sight.

A  
 be the joy, shall be the joy of all your earth.  
 hath his son, who hath his on - ly Son be - stow'd.  
 nought and less, are nought and worth - less in Thy sight.

B  
 be the joy of all your earth.  
 hath his on - ly Son be - stow'd.  
 nought and worth - less in Thy sight.

C 17

S  
 3. 'Tis Christ our God who far from high hath heard your sad and  
 7. Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! Who is it in yon  
 13. Ah! dear - est Je - sus, Ho - ly Child, make Thee a bed, soft

A  
 3. 'Tis Christ our God who far from high hath heard your sad and  
 7. Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! Who is it in yon  
 13. Ah! dear - est Je - sus, Ho - ly Child, make Thee a bed, soft

B  
 3. 'Tis Christ our God who far from high hath heard your sad and  
 7. Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! Who is it in yon  
 13. Ah! dear - est Je - sus, Ho - ly Child, make Thee a bed, soft

20

S  
 bit - ter cry, him - self will your Sal - va - tion be, him -  
 man - ger lies? Who is this child so young and fair? The  
 un - de - filed, with - in my heart, that it may be a

A  
 bit - ter cry, him - self will your Sal - va - tion be, him -  
 man - ger lies? Who is this child so young and fair? The  
 un - de - filed, with - in my heart, that it may be a

B  
 bit - ter cry, him - self will your Sal - va - tion be, him -  
 man - ger lies? Who is this child so young and fair? The  
 un - de - filed, with - in my heart, that it may be a

23

S  
self from sin will make you free.  
bles-sed Christ-child li - - eth there.  
qui - et cham-ber kept for Thee.

A  
self from sin will make you free.  
bles-sed Christ-child li - - eth there.  
qui - et cham-ber kept for Thee.

B  
self from sin will make you free.  
bles-sed Christ-child li - - eth there.  
qui - et cham-ber kept for Thee.

**D** 25

S  
4. He brings those bless - ings, long a - go,  
8. Wel - come to earth, Thou nob - le guest,  
14. My heart for ver - y joy doth leap,

A  
4. He brings those bless - ings, long a - go,  
8. Wel - come to earth, Thou nob - le guest,  
14. My heart for ver - y joy doth leap,

B  
4. He brings those bless - ings, long a - go,  
8. Wel - come to earth, Thou nob - le guest,  
14. My heart for ver - y joy doth leap,

4. He brings those bless - ings, long a - go, pre -  
8. Wel - come to earth, Thou nob - le guest, through  
14. My heart for ver - y joy doth leap, my

27

S  
pre - pared by God for all be - low,  
through whom e'en wick - - ed men are blest!  
my lips no more can si - - - lence keep,

A  
pre - pared by God for all be - low,  
through whom e'en wick - - ed men are blest!  
my lips no more can si - - - lence keep,

B  
pared whom by God for all be - low, hence -  
whom lips no more can men are blest! Thou  
lips no more can men are blest! I

29

S  
hence - forth His king - dom o - pen stands  
Thou com'st to share our mi - se - ry,  
I too must sing with joy - ful tongue

A  
hence - forth His king - dom o - pen stands to  
Thou com'st to share our mi - se - ry, what  
I too must sing with joy - ful tongue that

B  
forth His king - dom o - pen stands to  
com'st to must share our mi - se - ry, what  
too must sing with joy - ful tongue that

31

S  
to you, as to the an - - gels bands.  
what can we ren - - der, Lord to Thee!  
that swee - test an - - cient cra - - dle song.

A  
you, as to the an - gels bands.  
can we ren - der, Lord to Thee!  
swee - test an - cient cra - dle song.

B  
you, as to the an - gels bands.  
can we ren - der, Lord to Thee!  
swee - test an - cient cra - dle song.

**E** 33

S  
5. These are the to - kens ye shall mark, the swadd - ling clothes and  
9. Ah, Lord, who hast cre - a - ted all, how hast Thou made Thee  
15. Glo - ry to God in high - est Heaven who un - to man His

A  
5. These are the to - kens ye shall mark, the swadd - ling clothes and  
9. Ah, Lord, who hast cre - a - ted all, how hast Thou made Thee  
15. Glo - ry to God in high - est Heaven who un - to man His

B  
5. These are the to - kens ye shall mark, the swadd - ling clothes and  
9. Ah, Lord, who hast cre - a - ted all, how hast Thou made Thee  
15. Glo - ry to God in high - est Heaven who un - to man His

36

S  
man - ger dark, there shall ye find the young child laid, by  
weak and small, that Thou must choose Thy in - fant bed where  
Son hath given! While an - gels sing with pi - ous mirth a

A  
man - ger dark, there shall ye find the young child laid, by  
weak and small, that Thou must choose Thy in - fant bed where  
Son hath given! While an - gels sing with pi - ous mirth a

B  
man - ger dark, there shall ye find the young child laid, by  
weak and small, that Thou must choose Thy in - fant bed where  
Son hath given! While an - gels sing with pi - ous mirth a

39

S  
whom the heavens and earth were made.  
ass and ox but late - - ly fed!  
glad New Year to all the earth. *(Fine)*

A  
whom the heavens and earth were  
ass and ox but late - - ly  
glad New Year to all the *(Fine)*

B  
whom the heavens and earth were made.  
ass and ox but late - - ly fed!  
glad New Year to all the earth. *(Fine)*

**F** 41  
S  
6. Now let us all with glad - some cheer fol - low the shep - herds

A  
6. Now let us all with glad - some cheer fol - low the shep - herds

B  
6. Now let us all with glad - some cheer fol - low the shep - herds,

44

S and draw near to see this wond-rous gift of God who

A and draw near, draw near to see this wond - rous gift of God

B and draw near to see this wond - rous gift of God who

47

S hath his on-ly Son be - - stow'd.

A who hath his on - ly, on - ly Son be - - stow'd.

B hath His on - ly Son be - stow'd.

G 49

S 7. Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! Who is it in yon

A 7. Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! Who is it in

B 7. Give heed, my heart lift up thine eyes! Who is it in

52

S man - ger lies? Who is this child so young and fair? The

A yon man - ger lies? Who is, who is this child so young and fair?

B yon man - ger lies? Who is, who is this child so young and fair?

55

S  
bles - sed Christ - child li - - eth there.

A  
The bles - sed Christ-child li - - eth there.

B  
The bles - sed Christ-child li - - eth there.

**H** 57

S  
8. Wel - come to earth, Thou nob - le guest, through whom e'en wick - ed men are blest! Thou

A  
8. Wel - come to earth, Thou nob - le guest, through whom e'en wick - ed men are blest! Thou

B  
8. Wel - come to earth, Thou nob - le guest, through whom e'en wick - ed men are blest! Thou

61

S  
com'st to share our mi - se - ry, what can we ren - der, Lord, to Thee?

A  
com'st to share our mi - se - ry, what can we ren - der, Lord, to Thee?

B  
com'st to share our mi - se - ry, what can we ren - der, Lord, to Thee?

**I** 65

S  
9. Ah, Lord, who hast cre - at - ed all, how hast Thou made Thee weak and small, that

A  
9. Ah, Lord, who hast cre - at - ed all, how hast Thou made Thee weak and small, that

B  
9. Ah, Lord, who hast cre - at - ed all, how hast Thou made Thee weak and small, that



69

S  
Thou must choose Thy in - fant bed where ass and ox but late - - ly fed!

A  
Thou must choose Thy in - fant bed where ass and ox but late - ly fed!

B  
Thou must choose Thy in - fant bed where ass and ox but late - ly fed!

J 73

S  
10. Were earth a thou - sand times as fair, be - - set with gold and

A  
10. Were earth a thou - sand, thou - sand times as fair, be - - set with gold and

B  
10. Were earth a thou - sand times as fair, be - set with gold and

76

S  
je - - - wels rare, she yet were far too poor to be a

A  
with je - wels rare, she yet were far, far too poor to be a

B  
je - wels rare, she yet were far too poor to be a

79

S nar-row cra-dle, Lord, for Thee.  
a cra-dle, Lord, for Thee.

A nar-row cra-dle, Lord, for Thee.

B nar-row cra-dle, Lord, for Thee.

**K** 81 *Solo* and sil - ken stuff and

S 11. For vel - vets soft and sil - ken stuff Thou hast but hay and

A 11. For vel-vets soft and sil - - - ken stuff, Thou hast but hay and

B 11. For vel - vets soft and sil - ken

84 straw so rough so rich and great

S straw so rough, where - on Thou King, so rich and great, as

A straw so rough, where-on Thou King, so rich and great, as

B stuff, Thou hast but hay and

87

S art throned in state.

'twere Thy heaven, art throned in state.

A 'twere Thy heaven art throned in state.

B straw so rough.

**L** 89

S 12. Thus hath it pleas'd Thee to make plain the truth to us poor fools and vain, that

A 12. Thus hath it pleas'd Thee to make plain the truth to us poor fools and vain, that

B 12. Thus hath it pleas'd Thee to make plain the truth to us poor fools and vain, that

93

S this world's hon - our, wealth and might are nought and worth-less in Thy sight.

A this world's hon - our, wealth and might are nought and worth-less in Thy sight.

B this world's hon - - our, wealth and might are nought and worth-less in Thy sight.

**M** 97

S 13. Ah! dear - - est Je - - sus, Ho - ly Child, make Thee a bed,

A 13. Ah! dear - est Je - sus, Ho - ly Child, make Thee a bed, soft,

B 13. Ah! dear - est Je - sus, Ho - ly

100

S soft, un - de - filed, with - in my heart, that it may be a

A un - de - filed, with - in my heart, that it may be a

B Child, make Thee a bed, soft,

103

S qui - - et cham - - ber kept for Thee.

A qui - et cham - ber kept for Thee.

B un - de - filed.

**N** 105

S 14. My heart for joy doth leap, my lips no more can si - lence keep, no

A 14. My heart for ver - y joy doth leap, my lips no more can

B 14. My heart for ver - y joy doth leap, for ver - y joy doth leap, my lips no more can si - lence keep, no

108

S more can si - lence keep, I too must sing with joy - ful tongue, must sing with joy - ful tongue that

A si - lence keep, I too must sing with joy - ful tongue that

B more can si - lence keep, I too must sing with joy - ful tongue, must sing with joy - ful tongue that

111

S sweet-est an-cient crad-le song, that an - cient crad-le song.

A sweet - est an - cient crad - - le song.

B sweet-est an-cient crad-le song, that an - cient crad-le song.

O 113

S 15. Glo - ry to God in high - est Heaven who un - to man His Son hath given! While

A 15. Glo - ry to God in high - est Heaven who un - to man His Son hath given! While

B 15. Glo - ry to God in high - est Heaven who un - to man His Son hath given! While

117

S an - gels sing with pi - ous mirth a glad New Year to all the earth.

A an - gels sing with pi - - - ous mirth a glad New Year to all the earth.

B an - gels sing with pi - ous mirth a glad New Year to all the earth.