

# 1. O Savior, Tear the Heavens Wide

O Heiland, rei die Himmel auf

Kln, 1621

Advent

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Sop. 1

Sop. 2

Alto

\*)  $\frac{4}{4}$   $\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{2}{4}$   $\frac{6}{4}$

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- vens wide! come down from hea - ven to a -  
 - - ry vale a car - pet green on hill and  
 - est Star, we long to see You from a -

wide! come down from hea - ven to a -  
 vale a car - pet green on hill and  
 Star, we long to see You from a -

come down from hea - ven to a - bide!  
 a car - pet green on hill and dale,  
 we long to see You from a - far!

\*) With just a few of these settings the notation indicates the polyrhythmic independence of the individual voices. (H.D.)

[These parts have been rebarred for simplicity and the polyrhythms indicated by brackets. (Ed.)]

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10 **5/4**

bide! The gates of hea - ven tear a - way; break  
dale, O earth, the sweet - est flower now bring; O  
far! O Sun, as - cend! With - out Your light, we

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14 **5/4** **3/4**

down where locks and bars hold sway!  
Sav - ior, from the earth now spring!  
all a - bide in dark - est night.

down where locks and bars hold sway! 2. O God,  
Sav - ior, from the earth now spring! 4. Where are  
all a - bide in dark - est night. 6. On earth

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18 **3/4** **2/4** **6/4** **3/4**

2. O God, pour down as heav'n - ly dew,  
4. Where are You, Com - fort - er div - ine,  
6. On earth we suf - fer pain and strife,

— pour down as heav'n - ly dew, in dew, pour  
— You, Com - fort - er div - ine, to whom all  
— we suf - fer pain and strife, and death ap -

down as heav'n - ly dew, in dew, pour down, O  
Com - fort - er di - vine, to whom all earth its  
suf - fer pain and strife, and death ap - pears the

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6/4

in dew, pour down, O Sav - ior true! O clouds, let  
to whom all earth its hopes in - cline? O come, come  
and death ap - pears the goal of life: but come and

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earth its hopes in - cline? O come, come  
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5/4

2/4

fall down and bring in rain a and from  
lead from us by the hand from

fall down and from bring hea - - ven's rain hall a and from  
lead us by the hand , from

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lead us by the hand from

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3/4

King o'er Ja - - - cob's house to reign!  
com - fort us who on You call!  
weep - ing to Your heav'n - ly land!

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