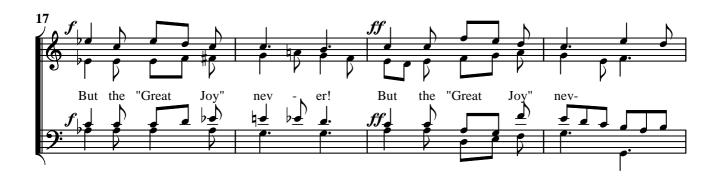
Christmas Song

Traditional







- 2. Once again the Holy Night
 Breathes its blessing tender;
 Once again the Manger Light
 Sheds its gentle splendour;
 O could tongues by Angels taught
 Speak our exultation
 In the Virgin's Child that brought
 All mankind Salvation?
- 3. Welcome Thou to souls athirst,
 Fount of endless pleasure;
 Gates of Hell may do their worst,
 While we clasp our Treasure:
 Welcome, though an age like this
 Puts Thy Name on trial,
 And the Truth that makes our bliss
 Pleads against denial!
- 4. Yea, if others stand apart,
 We will press the nearer:
 Yea, O best fraternal Heart,
 We will hold Thee dearer;
 Faithful lips shall answer thus
 To all faithless scorning,
 "JESUS CHRIST is GOD with us,
 Born on Christmas morning."
- 5. So we yield Thee all we can,
 Worship, thanks, and blessing;
 Thee true GOD, and Thee true Man,
 On our knees confessing;
 While Thy Birthday morn we greet
 With our best devotion,
 Bathe us, O most true and sweet!
 In Thy mercy's ocean.
- 6. Thou that once, 'mid stable cold, Wast in babe-clothes lying, Thou whose Altar-veils enfold, Power and Life undying, Thou whose Love bestows a worth On each poor endeavour, Have Thou joy of this Thy Birth In our praise for ever.