

7. SONG 46

(CHRISTMAS DAY)

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ORLANDO GIBBONS
(1583-1625)

SOPRANO

1. As on the night be - fore this bless - ed
2. This fa - vour Christ vouch - sa - - fed for our

ALTO

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TENOR

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BASS

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ORGAN (optional)

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morn, A troop of an - gels un - to shep - herds told, Where
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Source: *Hymnes and Songs of the Church*, George Wither (London 1623).

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in a sta - ble he was poor - ly born, Whom nor the earth, nor
weak-ness took, that we his strength might take, And was dis-rob'd that

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heav'n of heav'ns can hold. Through Beth - lem rung this
he might us ar - ray: Our flesh he wore, our

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news at their re - turn; Yea, an - gels sung that
sin to wear a - way: Our curse he bore, that

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GOD WITH US was born: And they made mirth be - -
we es - cape it may; And wept for us, that

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21 CHORUS

-cause we should not mourn. His love there-fore, oh! let us all con-
we might sing for aye.

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25 D.C. Verse 2

- fess; And to the sons of men his works ex-press.

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Original key: F. The treble and bass only are original; alto and tenor parts, vocal slurring, and the optional organ part are editorial. Barring has been modernized. Cautionary accidentals are placed in brackets.