

# GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

♩=192

English Traditional

Musical score for 'God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen' in 4/4 time, key of D major. The score is for a full orchestra and vocal soloists. The tempo is marked as ♩=192. The dynamic is *mf*.

The score is divided into two systems. The first system includes the woodwinds and strings. The second system includes the violins, viola, and cello.

**Woodwinds:** Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.).

**Strings:** Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), Contrabasso (Cb.).

**Vocal Soloists:** Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.).

The woodwinds and strings play a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. The vocal soloists enter in the second system with a melody. The dynamic is *mf* and the articulation is *pizz.* (pizzicato).

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The first system of the score consists of five staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains five measures of music: the first measure has a whole note G4; the second measure has a whole note A4; the third measure has a whole note B4; the fourth measure has a whole note C5; and the fifth measure has a whole note D5. Above the first two measures are the numbers '2' and '2', and above the third measure is '10'. The four staves below are empty, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The second system of the score consists of five empty staves, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The third system of the score consists of five staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains five measures of music: the first measure has a whole note G4; the second measure has a whole note A4; the third measure has a whole note B4; the fourth measure has a whole note C5; and the fifth measure has a whole note D5. The four staves below are instrumental staves in various clefs (treble and bass) with a key signature of one sharp (F#), each containing rhythmic accompaniment.





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Musical score for the first system, consisting of four staves with treble and bass clefs and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The staves contain rests.

Musical score for the second system, consisting of one staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains rests.

rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, Let noth-ing you dis - may, Re - mem-ber Christ our  
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Sav - iour Was born on Christ-mas day, To save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r, When

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The first system of music consists of four staves. Each staff contains a whole rest, indicating that the instruments are silent for this section.

The second system consists of a single staff with a whole rest.

The third system contains vocal and piano parts. The vocal lines (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and the piano accompaniment (Right and Left Hand) are all present. The lyrics are: "we were gone a - stray. O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and".

The fourth system contains the piano accompaniment for the second system of lyrics. It includes staves for the Right Hand and Left Hand.

**B**

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joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy. 2. In Beth-le-hem, in

joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy. 2. In Beth-le-hem, in

joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy. 2. In Beth-le-hem, in

joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy. 2. In Beth-le-hem, in

2. In Beth-le-hem, in pizz.

pizz.

pizz.

pizz.

pizz.

pizz.

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Jew - ry, This bless-ed babe was born, And laid with-in a man - ger, Up -

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on this bless-ed morn; To which His moth-er Ma - ry Did noth-ing take in

on this bless-ed morn; To which His moth-er Ma - ry Did noth-ing take in

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scorn. O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and joy, O



*mf*

*mp*

tid - ings of com - fort and joy. *mf* 3. From God our heav'n-ly

tid - ings of com - fort and joy. *mf* 3. From God our heav'n-ly

tid - ings of com - fort and joy. *mf* 3. From God our heav'n-ly

tid - ings of com - fort and joy. *mf* 3. From God our heav'n-ly



*mf* 3. From God our heav'n-ly arco

*mf* arco

*mf* arco

*mf* arco

*mf* arco

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The musical score consists of several systems. The first system includes a vocal line and three instrumental staves (treble, alto, and bass clefs). The second system features four vocal parts with lyrics: "Fa - ther, A bless-ed an-gel came; And un - to cer-tain shep - herds, Brought". The third system continues with instrumental accompaniment, including a new bass line in 3/2 time. The score is written in a key with one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.

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tid-ings of the same, How that in Beth-le - hem was born The Son of God by

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tid-ings of the same, How that in Beth-le - hem was born The Son of God by

tid-ings of the same, How that in Beth-le - hem was born The Son of God by

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The musical score consists of several systems. The first system includes four staves: two treble clefs and two bass clefs, all in the key of D major. The second system features a vocal line with lyrics: "name. O tid - ings of com\_ fort and joy, com-fort and joy, O". This system includes four staves: three treble clefs and one bass clef. The third system continues the vocal line with the same lyrics and includes four staves: three treble clefs and one bass clef. The final system includes four staves: two treble clefs and two bass clefs, continuing the instrumental accompaniment.

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tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

tid - ings of com - fort and joy. rit. . . . .

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System 1: Four staves. The top staff (treble clef, key signature of one sharp) contains a melodic line with a long slur over the first three measures and a shorter slur over the last two. The second, third, and fourth staves (treble and bass clefs) contain whole rests.

System 2: Four staves. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with a long slur over the first three measures and a shorter slur over the last two. The second, third, and fourth staves (treble and bass clefs) contain whole rests.

System 3: Four staves. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with a long slur over the last two measures. The second staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with a long slur over the last two measures. The third staff (bass clef) contains a melodic line with a long slur over the last two measures. The fourth staff (bass clef) contains a melodic line with a long slur over the last two measures.