

On this day earth shall ring

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The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system starts with a whole rest in the treble and a quarter rest in the bass. The second system begins at measure 6. The third system begins at measure 11 and includes a 'Refrain' section marked with a brace. The fourth system begins at measure 16. The score features various chordal textures, including triads and dyads, and includes fermatas and repeat signs.

On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Refrain:

*Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o,
gloria in excelsis Deo!*

His the doom, ours the mirth;
when he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him.

Refrain

God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.

Refrain

On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

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