



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024

SUNDAY THE 8<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER @ 5.30pm

At the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul. Wantage

- 1 What I did for love (New)
- 2 Over my head a see trouble in the air (New)
- 3 Jesus, what a wonderful world (New)
- 4 African Noel (New)
- 5 Jingle, Jingle, Jingle (New)
- 6 Star of wonder
- 7 Gaudete
- 8 Run shepherds
- 9 Somewhere in my memory
- 10 Soon and very soon
- 11 Noel

Encore: Holly, Jolly Christmas

Audience carols:

God rest you merry gentleman

O Holy Night

In the bleak midwinter

**THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLOS, DUETS AND READINGS!**

**Please let me know if you are interested in performing**

Remembrance Sunday: Steal away, Unbroken Praise, Jerusalem & Hymn to the fallen

# WHAT I DID FOR LOVE

Marvin Hamlisch. Arr: Audrey Snyder

**Solo:**

*Kiss today good bye, the sweetness and the sorrow.*

*Wish me luck the same to you.*

*But I can't regret what i did for love, what I did for love.*

**All voices: Sops and Altos (Men start with the word "eyes")**

Look my eyes are dry, the gift was ours to borrow.

It's as if we always knew, and I won't forget what I did for love

**Sops (altos and men in brackets)**

**Sops:** Gone.....(**M&A:** Gone, never gone)

**All:** love is never gone (**M&A:** never gone)

**All:** As we travel on (**A:** we travel on)

Love's what we'll remember

**S&A:** Kiss today goodbye (**M:** Kiss goodbye)

**All;** and point me t'ward tomorrow, we did what we had to do,

**S&A** Won't forget, can't regret

**All:** what I did for love, what I did for love,

**S:** What I did for love (**A&M:** Love never gone)

**All:** Love is never gone (**A&M:** never gone)

**All:** As we travel on,love's what we'll remember.

Kiss today goodbye.

**M:** and point me t'ward tomorrow, tomorrow (**S&A:** point me t'ward tomorrow)

**All:** we did what we had to do.

**Solo:** *Won't forget, can't regret what I did for love* (**All:** what I did for love, what I did for love)

**Solo:** *what I did for love* (**All:** what I did for love, what I did for love)

**All:** What I did for love!

# Over My Head

Traditional Spiritual. Arr: Emily Crocker

## **All Voices! (Sops and Altos in Unison)**

**Verse 1:** Over my head, I feel music in the air.

Over my head, I feel music in the air.

Over my head, I feel music in the air.

There must be joy somewhere.

## **Verse 2: Repeat as above at a faster tempo**

## **Verse 3: Sopranos lead Altos and Men echo in Harmony with words in brackets**

Under my feet (Under my feet)

There is dancing in the street ( Dancing in the street)

Under my feet (Under my feet)

There is dancing in the street ( Dancing in the street)

Under my feet (Under my feet)

There is dancing in the street ( Dancing in the street)

There must be joy somewhere

## **Verse 4: Same approach as above with an optional descant.**

**(Descant words are the same as those in brackets)**

Down in my heart (Down in my heart)

There's a song about to start (Song about to start)

Down in my heart (Down in my heart)

There's a song about to start (Song about to start)

Down in my heart (Down in my heart)

There's a song about to start (Song about to start)

There must be joy somewhere

There must be joy,joy,joy,joy,joy somewhere

# Jesus, What a wonderful child.

Traditional Spiritual. Arr: Rollo Dilworth

## *Gospel Swing.*

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope, to all he brings,

Listen to the angels sing:

Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!

(A) He was herald'd (S,T,B echo) herald'd

(A) By the angels (S,T,B echo) angels.

(ALL) yes, born in a lowly manger.

(S) God chose (A,T,B join) the virgin Mary as his mother,

And Joseph was his earthly Father.

(S,B) Three wise men trav'lin from afar (A,T echo) Wise men were trav'lin

(All) they were guided by that shinin' star

To see King Jesus where he lay

In a manger full of hay.

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope, to all he brings,

Listen to the angels sing:

Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!

Some travelled north, some travelled south

To see this wonderful Child.

Some travelled east, some travelled west

To see this wonderful Child>

## KEY CHANGE

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope, to all he brings,

Listen to the angels sing:

Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!

Celebrate Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope, to all he brings,

Listen to the angels sing:

Glory, glory, glory to the new born King! **Jesus!**

## AFRICAN NOEL

Victor C. Johnson

M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

A&M Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

All: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing Noel, Sing Noel! Sing we all Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing, Sing! Sing we all Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing Sing Noel, Noel!

A: Sing we all Noel

S: Sing we all Noel

M: Sing we all Noel

S&A Sing we all Noel

A: Sing we all Noel

S: Sing we all Noel

M: Sing we all Noel

S&A Sing we all Noel

A: Sing we all Noel.

S&M: Sing we all Noel

All: Sing Noel

All: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing Noel, sing Noel, sing! Sing we all Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing, sing Noel, Noel, Noel

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing, Sing, Sing Noel

S&M Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing, sing! Noel, Noel

All: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel.....Noel!

## Jingle, Jingle, Jingle

Music and Lyrics: Johnny marks. Arr: Greg Gilpin

### **VERSE 1. Men:**

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle, Hear his sleigh bells jingle,  
jingle, jingle hear them ring.

### **Sops & Altos in Unison over the top of the men.**

Jingle, jingle, jingle, you will hear his sleigh bells ring.  
Jolly old Kris Kringle is the king of jingling

### **VERSE 2. Men:**

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle, Frosty air they'll jingle,  
jingle, jingle hear them ring.

### **Sops & Altos in Harmony over the top of the men.**

Jingle, jingle, Reindeer, through the frosty air they'll go.  
They are not just plain deer, they're the fastest deer I know!

### **Sops and Altos:**

You must believe that on Christmas Eve, **(with men)** He won't pass you by

### **Sops and Altos:**

He'll dash away in his magic sleigh, **(with men)** Flying through the sky.

**Men:**

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle, Frosty air they'll jingle,  
jingle, jingle, jingle Ho! Ho!

**Sops & Altos in Harmony over the top of the men.**

Jingle, jingle, Reindeer, you will hear his sleigh bells ring..  
They are not just plain deer, they're the fastest deer I know!

**REPEAT MUSIC FOR FIRST TWO VERSES WITH KAZOOS!**

**Sops and Altos:**

You must believe that on Christmas Eve, **(with men)** He won't pass you by

**Sops and Altos:**

He'll dash away in his magic sleigh, **(with men)** Flying through the sky.

**REPEAT OF VERSE 1.Men:**

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle, Hear his sleigh bells jingle,  
jingle, jingle hear them ring.

**Sops & Altos in Unison over the top of the men.**

Jingle, jingle,jingle, you will hear his sleigh bells ring.  
Jolly old Kris Kringle is the king of jingling  
HE'S THE KING OF JIN-GL-ING.  
3 notes on Kazoos. Ho! Ho

## **STAR OF WONDER**

(Sop A1&A2) sing once alone.

**Star of wonder, star so bright  
Guide me on my way,  
Then maybe I will find the gift  
of love and light.**

**Lead me to the little baby.**

*(repeat the above whilst men  
sing the following underneath)*

**(Men at the repeat )**

**Star of wonder, so bright,  
Guide me on my way,  
On my way, then maybe  
I will find the gift of love and light,**

**Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Sop A1&A2) Men “Oo”**

I've been told there's a baby boy,  
lying in the hay.  
Bring us peace, bring us joy.  
(All) Bring us love to day

**(Sop A1&A2)**

**Star of wonder, star so bright  
Guide me on my way,  
Then maybe I will find the gift  
of love and light.  
Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Men sing )**

**Star of wonder, so bright,  
Guide me on my way,  
On my way, then maybe  
I will find the gift of love and light,  
Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Men & A2)**

Shepherds wake, hear the angels sing  
**(Sop & A1)** Hear the Angels sing

**(Men&A2)** Glory, glory in the highest  
**(Sops&A1)** Hallelujah!

**(All)** People coming, see them following  
The star that's shining brightest! (*keychange*)

**(Sop A1&A2)**

**Star of wonder, star so bright  
Guide me on my way,  
Then maybe I will find the gift  
of love and light.  
Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Men sing )**

**Star of wonder, so bright,  
Guide me on my way,  
On my way, then maybe  
I will find the gift of love and light,  
Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Sop A1&A2)**

I will find the gift  
of love and light.  
Lead me to the little baby.

**(Men sing )**

I will find the gift of love and light,  
Lead me to the little baby.

**(Sop A1&A2)**

Lead me to the little baby.

**(Men sing )**

To the little baby

**(ALL)**

Lead me to the little baby.



## **GAUDETE**

### CHORUS

Unison Gaudete, gaudete Christus est natus  
ex Maria virgine. Gaudete!  
Harmony Gaudete, gaudete Christus est natus  
ex Maria virgine. Gaudete!

Sops verse Praise we now the God of grace, (A+M sing 'Gaudete x 2)  
Dearly longed for Saviour.  
Born to save the human race,  
Gladly, songs we offer.

### Chorus

Sops verse God to us as man appeared, (A+M sing Gaudete x 2)  
Nature gazed in wonder.  
Christ the King, by devils feared  
Cast all sin asunder.

### Chorus

Sops verse Therefore let us carols sing, (A+M sing Gaudete x 2)  
Praise to God our Saviour.  
Hallelujah to the King,  
Laud his name for ever.

### Chorus

## **RUN SHEPHERDS** Victor C. Johnson

### Unison:

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem!  
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
See the baby born, the Great I AM!

### Harmony:

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby, (Go now and run)  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem! (Why don't you run)  
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
See the baby born, the Great I AM!

Sops & Altos: There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.

Men: It will lead to the place where the saviour's born.

All: If you take good heed to the angels's words,  
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget you herds.

### Harmony:

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby, (Go now and run)  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem! (Why don't you run)  
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
See the baby born, the Great I AM!

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby.  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem!

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby, (Go now and run) Solo: Run, run and see the Baby  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem! (Why don't you run) Solo: In Bethlehem!  
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby, Solo: Oh, run, run, shepherds!  
All: See the baby born, the Great I AM!  
See the baby born, the Great.... I..... AM.....!

See the baby born, the Great I AM!

## **SOMEWHERE IN MY MEMORY.**

John Williams

### *All voices in harmony:*

Candles in the window,  
Shadows painting the ceiling,  
Gazing at the fire-glow,  
Feeling that gingerbread feeling.

### *Unison:*

Precious moments, special people, happy faces

### *Harmony:*

I can see

### *Men:*

Somewhere in my mem'ry  
Christmas joys all around me.

### *Sops and altos in unison:*

Living in my mem'ry

### *Harmony:*

All of the music, all of the magic,  
All of the fam'ly, home here with me

### *All in Harmony*

Oo----- Oo-----

### *Sops and altos in unison, followed by the men.*

**S&A:** La la la la la----la----la---la----la----

**Men** la la la la----la----la----la----

### *Sops and Altos:*

Precious moments, special people,

**Men:**

Happy faces, I can see.

**All in Harmony: (Solo Soprano descant)**

Somewhere in my mem'ry, Christmas joys all around me.

Living in my mem'ry

All of the music, all of the magic

All of the fam'ly home. here with me

Here with me.

## **SOON AND VERY SOON**

**Men:**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

**Men & Altos:**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

**All voices:**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King;

No more dying there, we are going to see the King;

No more dying there, we are going to see the King;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

**Sops & Altos**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

**(Men at the same time but starting a bar later)**

Soon, goin' to see the King, and very soon, very soon,

We are goin', goin' to see the King, Hallelu, Hallelu

Soon we're goin' to see the King

**All:**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Soon and very soon

## **NOEL**

**Text in Red is for the soloist**

Female Solo:

**Love incarnate, love divine,  
Star and angels gave the sign.  
Bow to babe on bended knee,  
The saviour of humanity.**

Solo: **Unto us a child is born.**      Choir: "Ooo"  
Solo: **He shall reign for ever more.**      Choir: "Oh"  
Solo: **Noel, noel!**      Choir: we sing Noel!

All: Come and see what God has done

Solo: **Noel, noel!**      Choir: Noel, we sing nowell

All: The story of amazing love!

Solo: **The light of the world**

All: given for us

Solo: **Noel.**

Sops & Altos: Son of God and son of Man

Men: Son of God and son of Man

Sops & Altos: Son of God and son of Man

Sops & Altos: there before the world began

Men: there before the world began

Sops & Altos: Born to suffer, born to save,

Men : Born to suffer, born to save,

Sops & Altos: Born to raise us from the grave.

Men: Born to raise us from the grave.

Sops & Altos: Christ the everlasting Lord,

Men: Everlasting Lord!

Sops & Altos: He shall reign for evermore!

All: Noel, noel!      Solo: **we sing Noel!**

All: come and see what God has done.

Solo: **Noel, noel!**      Choir: Noel, we sing nowell

All: The story of amazing love!

Solo: **The light of the world**

All: given for us.

Sops & Altos: Noel, noel.

Men: Noel, noel.

Sops & Altos: sing we all noel.

Solo: **unto us a Child is born,**

**He shall reign for ever more.**      Choir: "Ooo"

# **GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN**

**1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

**2 From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came.  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same.  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

**3 But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this infant lay,  
They found him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

**4 Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth deface  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

## **O HOLY NIGHT**

O, Holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices

O, night divine

O, night when Christ was born

O, night divine, O, night, O, night divine.

**SING TWICE**

## **IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER**

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan.  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there.  
Cherubim and seraphim, they thronged the air;  
But his mother only in her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart

## **UNBROKEN PRAISE**

**S&A** Praise unbroken, praise unending,  
Be your, be yours for evermore.

**All:** Praise untainted, praise unfading,  
Be yours, be yours for evermore.  
Be yours, be yours for evermore.

Unbroken praise be yours God forever  
All my praise be yours God forever.  
Lord, take this life,  
Let it become your throne.  
Unbroken praise be yours.

**M:** My surrender, my devotion,  
**All:** Be yours, be yours, for evermore  
Be yours, be yours, for evermore.

Unbroken praise be yours God forever  
All my praise be yours God forever.  
Lord, take this life,  
Let it become your throne.  
Unbroken praise be yours. **(REPEAT)**

**S&A** Let my deeds outrun my words,  
Let my life outweigh my songs.

**All x 3:** Let my deeds outrun my words,  
Let my life outweigh my songs.

Unbroken praise be yours God forever  
All my praise be yours God forever.  
Lord, take this life,  
Let it become your throne.  
Unbroken praise be yours. **(REPEAT)**

Unbroken praise be yours. **X2**  
**M:** Let my deeds outrun my words,  
Let my life outweigh my songs.

Unbroken praise be yours

## STEAL AWAY

### Chorus

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, Steal away home,  
I ain't got long to stay here.*

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder.  
The trumpet sounds within my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here

### Chorus

Green trees are bending, poor sinners stand a-tremblin'  
The trumpet sounds within my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here

### Chorus

## JERUSALEM

And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant Land.



## Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time

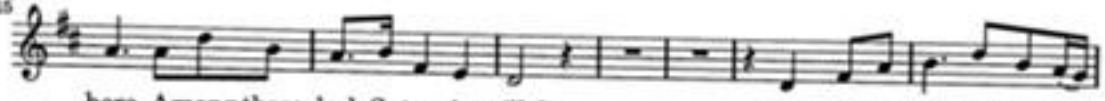
William Blake

C. H. H. Parry


Voice   
And did those feet in an-cient time Walk upon England's mount-tains

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green? And was the Ho - ly Lamb of God On England's pleasant pastures seen? And did the

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Countenance Divine Shine forth up-on our clouded hills? And was Je-ru-salem build ed

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here Among these dark Satan-ic mills? Bring me my bow of burning

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gold! Bring me my arrows of de-sire! Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my

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Cha-riot of Fire! I will not cease from men-tal fight; Nor shall my sword sleep in my

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hand Till we have built Jeru-sa lem In England's green and pleasant land.