

Sing, O sing, this blessed morn

Hymn-Anthem for SATB choir, Descant & Congregation

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Tune: McShane 77. 77. 77

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The hymn tune McShane honors the mathematician Edward James McShane (1904-1989), Professor Emeritus of the University of Virginia, member of the National Academy of Sciences, and avid amateur musician. It was composed shortly before his death. The original form of the tune is given in the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th stanzas. The more primitive sounding 1st and 4th stanzas are, in fact, not antecedents of the original tune at all, but instead they are variational artifacts composed for this setting.

Choir (a cappella preferred)

♩ = c.96

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

mf Sing, O sing, this bless - ed morn, un - to us a child is born,

9

mp un - to us a son is given, God him - self comes down from heaven.

17

f Sing, O sing, this bless - ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.

Choir (accompanied)

25 Full

God from God, and Light from Light, comes with mer - cies

31

in - fi - nite, from high heav'n he comes to earth,

37

one with us in hu - man birth. Sing, O sing, this

43

bless - ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.

Choir & Congregation with Descant

49 $\text{♩} = \text{c.92}$

God with us, Em - man - u - el, deigns for ev - er

49 **ff**

God with us, Em - man - u - el, deigns for - ev - er

55

now to dwell, he on Ad - am's fall - en race

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now to dwell; he on Ad - am's fall - en race

61

sheds the full - ness of his grace. Sing, O sing, this

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sheds the full - ness of his grace. Sing, O sing, this

67

bless - ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.

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bless - ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.

Choir (a cappella preferred)74 $\text{♩} = \text{c.}72$

p

God comes down that we may rise, lift - ed by him to the skies;

82

mp Christ is born for us, that we born a - gain in him may be.

90

f Sing, O sing, this bless - ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.

Choir & Congregation with Descant

98 $\text{♩} = \text{c.88}$

O re - new us, Lord, we pray, with thy Spi - rit

98 *ff* O re - new us, Lord, we pray, with thy Spi - rit

104

day by day, that we ev - er one may be

104

day by day, that we ev - er one may be

110

with the Fath - er and with thee, Sing, O sing, this

110

with the Fath - er and with thee. Sing, O sing, this

116

bless - ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.

116 *rallentando*

bless - ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.