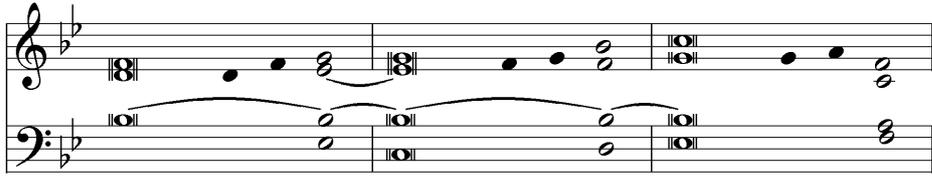


63a PHOS HILARON – A SONG OF THE LIGHT



O gládd'ning líght,
of the holy glory of the immòrtal Fátther,
heav'nly, holy, blessed, O Jèsus Chríst.

Now that we have come to the setting òf the sún
and see the èvening líght.
we give praise to God, Father, Son and Hòly Spírit.

Worthy are you at all times to be worshipped with hòly vóices,
O Son of god, and givèr òf lífe,
therefore all the wòrld glórifies you..

63b PHOS HILARON – A SONG OF THE LIGHT



+ The flex is used in verse 4

O joyful light, from the pure glory of the Gòd in héaven, *
O holy, blessed Jèsus Chríst.

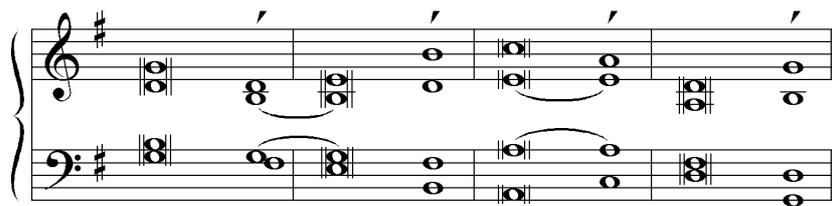
As we come to the setting òf the sún *
and see the èvening líght.

We give thanks and praise tò Gòd *
ever blessed Trínity.

Worthy are you at all times to be sung with holy vóices, +
O Son of God, O Givèr òf lífe, *
And to be glorified through àll cre-á-tion.

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64a *TE DEUM LAUDAMUS – A SONG OF THE CHURCH*



A We praise you, O Gód,
we acclaim you as the Lórd;
all creation wórships you,
the Father everlásting.

B To you all ángels,
all the powers of héav'n,
the cherubim and séraphim,
sing in endless práise:

Full Holy, holy, holy Lórd,
God of power and might,
Heav'n and eárrh
are full of your glóry.

A The glorious company of apostles práise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets práise you.

B The white-robed army of martyrs práise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church accláims you:

Full Father, of majesty unbóunded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all práise,
the Holy Spírit,
advocate and guíaide.

A You, Christ, are the King of glóry,
the eternal Son of the Fáther.
When you took our flesh to set us frée
you humbly chose the Virgin's wómb.

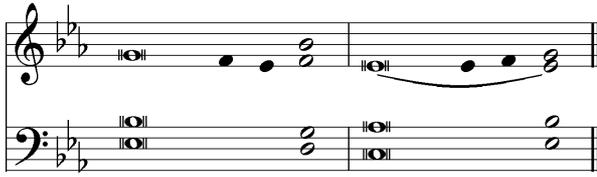
B You overcame the sting of déath
and opened the kingdom of heav'n to all belíevers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glóry.
We believe that you will come and be our júdge.

Full Come then, Lord, and help your péople,
bought with the price of your own blóod,
and bring us with your sáints
to glory everlásting.

Verses marked A and B may be sung by contrasting voices or from side to side, all joining in those marked Full.

This setting was written for unison voices.

65 A SONG OF EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN



- 1 Behold Fire and Spirit in the womb that bore you. *
Behold Fire and Spirit in the river where you were baptized.
- 2 Fire and Spirit in our baptism: *
In the bread and the Cup, Fire and Holy Spirit.
- 3 In your Bread is hidden a Spirit not to be eaten, *
In your Wine dwells a Fire not to be drunk.
- 4 Spirit in your Bread, Fire in your Wine, *
A wonder set apart, yet received by our lips.
- 5 How wonderful; your footsteps, walking on the waters! *
You subdued the great sea beneath your feet.
- 6 Yet to a little stream you subjected your head, *
Bending down to be baptized in it.
- 7 The stream was like John who performed the baptism in it. *
In their smallness each an image of the other.
- 8 To the stream so little, to the servant so weak, *
The Lord of them both subjected himself.

66 SALUS AETERNA - SAVIOUR ETERNAL

The musical score is written for a Cantor and a Full choir. It consists of eight staves of music in a single system, with lyrics printed below each staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into two main sections, A and B, by double bar lines. Section A covers the first four staves, and Section B covers the last four staves. The lyrics are: 'Sa-viour e-ter nal* life of the world un-fai-ling light ev-er last-ing and our true re-demp-tion. Ta-king our hu-ma-ni-ty in your lov-ing free-dom, you res-cued our lost earth and filled the world with joy. By your first ad-vent, jus-ti-fy us, by your se-cond set us free: that when the great light dawns and you come as judge of all, we may be robed in im-mor-ta-li-ty and rea-dy, Lord, to fol-low in your foot-steps blest, wher-e-ver they may lead.'

This canticle may be sung full throughout, or divided at the double bars so that contrasting voices sing sections A and B while everyone sings those marked 'full'.

Adapted from the version of the Advent Sequence in The New English Hymnal 502.

67 *A SONG OF ANSELM*

Gather your little ones together * as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heav'n may your love prepare us.

Glory...

69b CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES

(887.88) Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

*In verses 1 and 4 this chord should be transferred to the previous note to coincide with the strong accent on the first word of the last line ('No one is worthy...')

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
To you be ceaseless praise outpoured,
And blessing without measure;
From you alone all creatures came;
No one is worthy you to name.

My Lord be praised by Brother Sun,
Who through the skies his course does run,
And shines with brilliant splendour,
With brightness he does fill the day,
And signifies your boundless sway.

My Lord be praised by Sister Moon,
And all the stars that with her soon
Will point the glitt'ring heavens.
Let wind and air and cloud and calm
And weathers all, re-peat the psalm.

By Sister Water, then be blest
Most humble, useful; Precious, chaste.
Be praised by Brother Fire:
Cheerful is he, robust and bright,
And strong to lighten all the night.

By Mother Earth my Lord be praised;
Governed by you, she has upraised
What for our life is needful.
Sustained by you through every hour,
She brings forth fruit and herb and flower.

My Lord be praised by those who prove
In free forgivingness their love,
Nor shrink from tribulation.
Happy, who peaceably endure:
With you, Lord, their reward is sure

By Death, our Sister, praised be,
From whom no one alive can flee.
Woe to the unprepared!
But blest be those who do your will;
And follow your commandments still.

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
To you be ceaseless praise outpoured,
And blessing without measure;
Let every creature thankful be
And serve in great humility..

After Francis of Assisi; tr. Howard Chandler Robbins (1876-1952). alt

Note. For this tune see *The Hymnal 1982* (New York, Church Hymnal Corporation), 406.
It is written in crochets and minims, with irregular bars. When I discovered it. it was being sung by our brothers in a free unmeasured style, more like plainchant, without harmony or accompaniment, and I thought successfully. So I have set it out in this way here with a suitable accompaniment.
The tune is © 1940 Mrs Alfred M. Smith.

69b CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES

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Brother Reginald SSF



1 Most High, om - ni - po - tent, good Lord, To you be cease - less
 2 My Lord be praised by Bro - ther Sun, Who through the skies his
 3 My Lord be praised by Sis - ter Moon, And all the stars that
 4 By Sis - ter Wa - ter, then be blest Most hum - ble, use - ful
 5 By Mo - ther Earth my Lord be praised;— Go - verned by you, she
 6 My Lord be praised by those who prove In free for - gi - ving-
 7 By Death, our Sis - ter, prai - sed be, From whom no - one a-
 8 Most High, om - ni - po - tent good Lord, To you be cease - less



1 praise out - poured, And bless - ing with - out mea - sure; From you a-
 2 course does run, And shines in bril - liant splen - dour; With bright - ness
 3 with her soon Will point the glitt' - ring heav'ns. — Let wind and
 4 prē - cious, chaste Be praised by Bro - ther Fire: — Cheer - ful is
 5 has up - raised What for our life is need - ful Sus - tained by
 6 ness their love, Nor shrink from tri - bu - la - tion. — Hap - py, who
 7 live can flee. — Woe to the un - pre - par - ed. But blest be
 8 praise out - poured And bless - ing with - out mea - sure. Let e - v'ry



1 lone all crea - tures came; - No orte is wor - thy you to name.
 2 he does fill - - the day, And sig - - ni - fies your bound - less sway.
 3 air and cloud and calm, And wea - thers all, re - peat the psalm.
 4 he, ro - bust and bright, And strong to ligh - ten all the night.
 5 you through ev - 'ry hour, She brings forth fruit and herb and flower.
 6 peace - ab - ly en - dure With you, Lord, their re - ward is sure.
 7 those who do your will And fol - low your com - mand - ments still.
 8 crea - ture thank - ful be And serve in great hu - mi - li - ty.

This was written when a brother complained about the minor key of the previous tune and asked for something 'brighter'. It was used in 2004 at a dramatic presentation of St Francis in Batcombe Church, Dorset and sung unaccompanied. I have still to write an accompaniment.

70a A SONG OF CLARE OF ASSISI



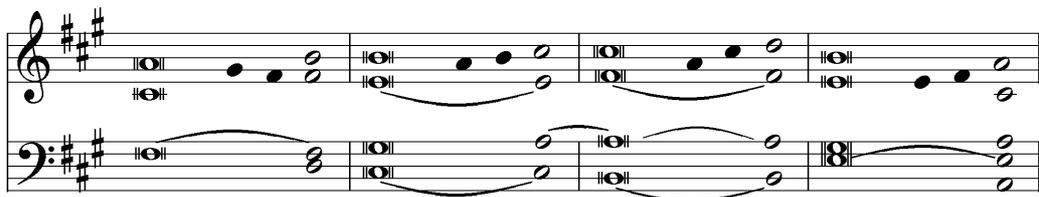
Transform your entire being * into the image of the Godhead itself.

Place your mind before the image of eternity!
Your soul in the brilliance of glory.
Your heart in the figure of the divine substance
and, through contemplation, transform your entire being into the image of the Godhead itself.

So that you too may feel what God's friends feel
in tasting the hidden sweetness,
Reserved from the beginning
for all who love God.

May you totally love God
whose self-giving was totally for your love,
At whose beauty the sun and the moon marvel,
whose rewards and their uniqueness and grandeur have no limits.

Glory ...



72 A SONG OF MERCY AND GRACE

God is the light and grá·ce, * which is all blésséd ló·ve.

Jesus is our trú·e mó·ther,
the protector of the love which knó·ws nó· é·nd.
We have our be·ing fróm· Jé·sus,
where the foundation of motherhó·od beg·ins.

God revealed that in á·ll things,
as truly as God is our father so truly God is our mó·ther.
God is the power and goodnèss· of fá·therhood;
God is the wisdom and loving kindnèss· of mó·therhood.

God is the Trinity and God is thè· Ú·nity; []
God is all our life: nature, mercý· and grá·ce.

God is the one who makes ús· to ló·ve,
and the endless fulfilling of all trú·e dés·ires;
For where the soul is highèst· and nó·blest,
then it is humblè· and ló·wly.

God desired Christ to be our mother, our brother and our Sá·viour,
for God knows us now and loved us before tí·me beg·án.
In nature, Jesus is our true mother by our first cre·átion,
and in grace by taking our cre·atèd· ná·ture.

All the love of offering and sacrifice of beló·vèd· mó·therhood,
are in Christ our Beló·vèd.
For in Jesus we have this göd·ly wí·ll,
both in nature and in grá·ce.

Glory ...

Julian of Norwich

73 A SONG OF TRUE MOTHERHOOD

Christ came in our pö·or flésh· * to share a mó·thèr's· cá·re.

God chose to be our mó·thèr· in á·ll things
and so made the foundation of his work, most humble and most pure, in the Vír·gin's· wó·mb.
God, the perfect wisdom of á·ll,
arrayed himself in this· humblè· plá·ce.

Christ came in our pö·or flésh·
to share a mó·thèr's· cá·re.
Our mothers bear us for pain and fò·r dé·ath;
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and é·ndlèss· lí·fe.

Christ carried us within him in ló·ve and trá·vail,
until the full time of his pá·ssion.
And when all was completed and he had carried us sò· fò·r jó·y,
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wöndèr·ful ló·ve.

All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, for the love of Chríst· wó·rks in us; []
Christ is the one whóm· wè· ló·ve.

Glory ...

Julian of Norwich

74 A SONG OF OUR TRUE NATURE

Nature and grace are of one accord, * for God is one in love, in nature and in grace.

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling,
our trespasses and our humili-ations.
Christ also revealed his blessed power,
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; []
He raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature;
God is the true father and mother of natures.
We are all bound to God by nature,
and we are all bound to God by grace.

And this grace is for all the world,
because it is our precious mother, Christ.
For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honour and nobility of all,
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

Glory ...

Julian of Norwich

75 SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

**In the greatness of your mercy, O God, *
forgive the sins of all your people.**

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy: *
we look to you to save and help us.

By your cross and your life laid down, you set your people free: *
we look to you to save and help us.

When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples: *
we look to you to come to our help.

In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains, *
forgive the sins of all your people.

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer; *
save and help us that we may praise you.

Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus: *
hear our prayer and be with us always.

And when you come in your glory: *
make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom.

Henry Allan