

S T E P H E N B A R K E R

Hail, gladdening Light

Φῶς ἰλαρὸν ἀγίας δόξης ἀθανάτου Πατρός,
οὐρανόυ, ἀγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ,

ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν, ἰδόντες φῶς ἑσπερινόν,
ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα, Θεόν.

Ἄξιόν σε ἐν πᾶσι καιροῖς ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίαις,
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· διὸ ὁ κόσμος σε δοξάζει.

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies – Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest;
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*Late third or early fourth century
Greek hymn 'Phos Hilaron'*

Translated by John Keble (1792-1866)

Performance directions

All phrases should be sung through as indicated in the music: commas above the staff indicate points where all should breathe simultaneously, whereas dotted ties indicate that lines should deliberately be carried through, even where the words might suggest otherwise; some of the longer phrases will necessitate the choir to stagger their breathing.

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Broadly ♩ = 62

mf *f* *ff*

SOPRANO
Hail, hail, hail, glad-dening Light, of his pure

ALTO
Hail, hail, Hail, glad-dening Light, of his pure

TENOR
Hail, hail, hail, glad-dening Light, of his pure

BASS
Hail, hail, hail, glad-dening Light, of his pure

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mf *f* *ff*

for rehearsal only

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glo - ry poured, Who is the im - mor - tal

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Fa - ther, heav'n - ly, blest, Ho - li - est of Ho - li - est

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f, *sub.p* *cresc.*
Ho - lies, Je - sus Christ our Lord! Je - sus

f, *sub.p* *cresc.*
Ho - lies, Je - sus Christ our Lord! Je - sus

f *p*
Ho - lies, Je - sus Christ our

f *p*
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f *sub.p* *cresc.*
Ho - lies, Je - sus Christ our



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ff
Christ our Lord! Je - sus Christ our Lord!

ff
Christ our Lord! Je - sus Christ our Lord!

cresc. *ff*
Lord! Je - sus Christ our Lord! Now we are

cresc. *ff*
Lord! Je - sus Christ our Lord!

cresc. *ff*
Lord! Je - sus Christ our Lord!

A

25

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest; Now we are
 come, we are come to the sun's hour of rest; Now we are

pp

pp

A

pp



30

solo mp

The lights of eve - ning round us shine, The lights of eve - ning,
 of rest; The lights of eve - ning round us
 come to the sun's hour of rest; The lights of eve - ning
 hour of
 come to the sun's hour of rest; The lights of eve - ning

p

Now we are come to the sun's hour of

mp

p

Moving forward

34 *tutti mp cresc. poco a poco*

shine, The lights of eve - ning round us shine, The lights of

mp cresc. poco a poco

shine, The lights of eve - ning round us shine, The

cresc. poco a poco

The lights of eve - ning round us shine,

mp

shine; The lights of eve - ning, The lights round us shine,

mp cresc. poco a poco

rest; The lights of eve - ning, The lights of

Moving forward

mp cresc. poco a poco

molto rit. With a sense of grandeur

38 *f*

eve - ning round us shine; We hymn the Fa - - ther,

f

lights round us shine; We hymn the Fa - - ther,

f

round us shine; We hymn the Fa - - ther,

f

eve - ning round us shine; We hymn the Fa - - ther,

molto rit. With a sense of grandeur

f

rall. *p*

42

Son, and Ho - - ly Spi - rit div - ine!

Son, and Ho - - ly Spi - rit div - ine!

Son, and Ho - - ly Spi - rit div - ine!

Son, and Ho - - ly Spi - rit div - ine!

Tempo: *rall.*, *p*

B

Tempo I
mp

47

Wor - - thi -- est art thou at all times

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Wor - - thi -- est art thou at all times

Tempo: *mp*, *f*

B

Tempo I

51

to _____ be sung with *mp*

to be sung with un - de - filed tongue, *mp*

to be sung with un - de - filed tongue, *mp*

to be sung with un - de - filed tongue, *mp*

to be sung with un - de - filed tongue, *mp*

55

f Son of our God, *ff* life, a - lone:

f Son of our God, *ff* gi - ver of life, a - lone:

f Son of our God, *ff* gi - ver of life, a - lone:

f Son of our God, *ff* gi - ver of life, a - lone:

60 *mf* *f* *sub.p*

There - fore in all the world thy glo - ries, Lord,

mf *f* *sub.p*

There - - fore thy

There - fore in all the world thy glo - ries, Lord,

mf *f* *sub.p*

There - fore in all the world thy glo - ries, Lord,

mf *f* *sub.p*

in all the world thy glo - ries, Lord,

64 *molto* *ff*

Lord, Lord, they own.

molto *ff*

Lord, Lord, they own.

molto *ff*

Lord, Lord, they own.

molto *ff*

Lord, Lord, they own.



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