

Puer natus in Bethlehem

A Child Is Born in Bethlehem

SSAATB, a cappella

Puer natus in Bethlehem, Plainsong, Mode I

Benedictine Processional, 14th century

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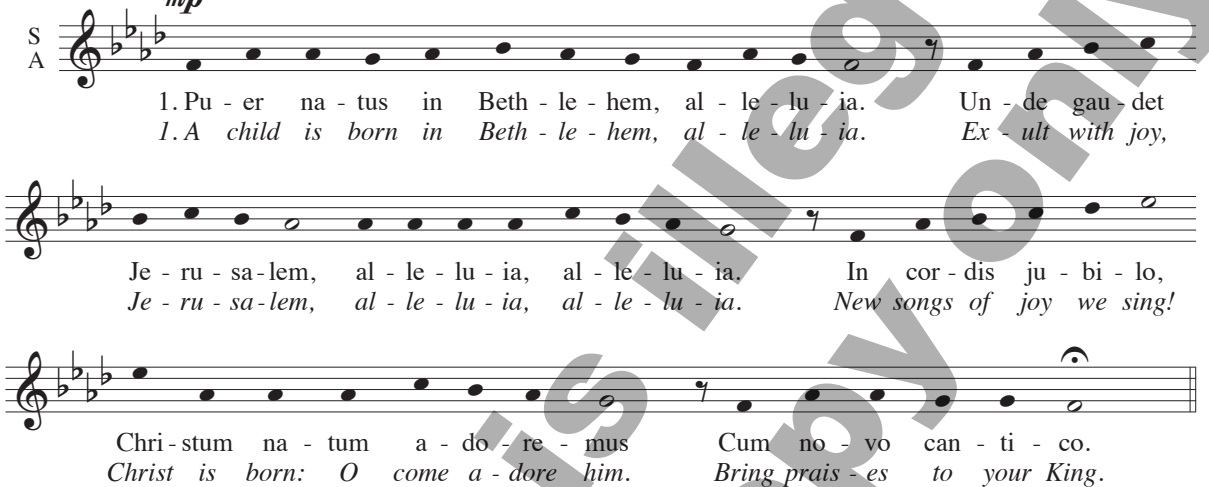
Tropus ad Benedicamus, 13th century

Flowing but unhurried

Unison

mp

S
A



1. Pu - er na - tus in Beth - le - hem, al - le - lu - ia. Un - de gau - det
1. A child is born in Beth - le - hem, al - le - lu - ia. Ex - ult with joy,

Je - ru - sa - lem, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. In cor - dis ju - bi - lo,
Je - ru - sa - lem, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. New songs of joy we sing!

Chri - stum na - tum a - do - re - mus Cum no - vo can - ti - co.
Christ is born: O come a - dore him. Bring prais - es to your King.

Unison

mp

T
B



2. As - sump - sit car - nem Fi - li - us, al - le - lu - ia, De - i Pa - tris
2. The Fa - ther's Word on high did take, al - le - lu - ia, A mor - tal form

al - tis - si - mus, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. In cor - dis ju - bi - lo,
for mor - tals' sake, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. New songs of joy we sing!

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Text: *Puer natus in Bethlehem*, *Tropus ad Benedicamus*, 13th century. Translation composite: Verses 1, 3, and 4 by Hamilton Montgomerie MacGill, 1807–1880 (PD), *alt.*; Verse 2 unknown; Verse 5 and Refrain copyright © 2013 with this publication.

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mp

S
3. In car - ne no - bis si - mi - lis, al - le - lu - ia, Pec - ca - to
3. Our fee - ble flesh and his the same, al - le - lu - ia, Our sin - less

mp

A
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3. Our fee - ble flesh and his the same, al - le - lu - ia, Our sin - less

*Div.**

sed dis - si - mi - lis, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. In cor - dis ju - bi - lo,
broth - er he be - came, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. New songs of joy we sing!

sed dis - si - mi - lis, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. In cor - dis ju - bi - lo,
broth - er he be - came, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. New songs of joy we sing!

Div. †

Chri - stum na - tum a - do - re - mus Cum no - vo can - ti - co.
Christ is born: O come a - dore him. Bring prais - es to your King.

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Christ is born: O come a - dore him. Bring prais - es to your King.

*Some altos sustain the F on "ah."

†Some sopranos sustain the C on "ah" and others move to an F later in the line.

S1
S2

mp
(ah)

A1
A2

mp
(ah)

T

mf

4. Hic ia - cet in prae - se - pi - o, al - le - lu - ia, Qui
4. There in a low - ly man - ger lies, al - le - lu - ia, Our

B

mf

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4. There in a low - ly man - ger lies, al - le - lu - ia, Our

ah

(ah)

re - gnat si - ne ter - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
Lord who reigns a - bove the skies, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

re - gnat si - ne ter - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
Lord who reigns a - bove the skies, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

(ah)

(ah)

ia. In cor - dis ju - bi - lo, Chri - stum na - tum
 ia. New songs of joy we sing! Christ is born: O

rit.
 (ah) ah

rit.
 (ah) ah

rit.
 a - do - re - mus Cum no - vo can - ti - co.
 come a - dore him. Bring prais - es to your King.

rit.
 a - do - re - mus Cum no - vo can - ti - co.
 come a - dore him. Bring prais - es to your King.

p *cresc.*

S
5. In hoc na - ta - li gau - di - o, al - le - lu - ia, Be - ne - di - ca - mus
5. Re - joic - ing in this ho - ly birth, al - le - lu - ia, We praise our God who

p *cresc.*

A
5. In hoc na - ta - li gau - di - o, al - le - lu - ia, Be - ne - di - ca - mus
5. Re - joic - ing in this ho - ly birth, al - le - lu - ia, We praise our God who

p *cresc.*

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Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. In cor - dis ju - bi - lo,
came to earth, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. New songs of joy we sing!

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came to earth, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. New songs of joy we sing!

The image shows a musical score for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. Each voice part is written on a staff with a treble clef (except for the Bass part which has a bass clef). The music is in a minor key and 4/4 time. The lyrics are in Latin and English. Performance markings include *rit.* (ritardando), *rall.* (rallentando), and *Div.* (diviso). The lyrics are: "Chri-stum na - tum a - do - re - mus Cum no - vo can - ti - co. Christ is born: O come a - dore him. Bring prais - es to your King." The score is watermarked with "Copying is illegal" and "Review copy".

rit. *rall.* *Div.*

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 Christ is born: O come a - dore him. Bring prais - es to your King.

rit. *rall.* *Div.*

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