

O what light and glory

O quam glorifica

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Tune: GRAF, 66. 66. D (*trochaic*)

Charles H. Giffen (b. 1940)

1 O what light and glo - ry Deck thee, all re - splen - dent,
2 Moth - er, — yet the hon - our Of a vir - gin bear - ing,
3 Whom the whole cre - a - tion Ev - er - more a - dor - eth,
4 Hear us, — ho - ly Fa - ther, Through Thy Son su - per - nal,

Thou of roy - al Da - vid Glo - ri - ous de - scen - dent;
For the Lord of an - gels Dwell - ing pure pre - par - ing;
And all low - ly bend - ing Right - ly now im - plor - eth,
With the Ho - ly Spi - rit, God and Lord e - ter - nal;

Ma - ry ev - er Vir - gin, Who in heav'n art dwell - ing,
Him with - in thy bo - som Chaste - ly thou en - shrin - est;
May His pi - ty grant us, Far our dark - ness send - ing
Who with Thee in glo - ry liv - eth and a - bi - deth,

All the choirs of an - gels Ev - er - more ex - cell - ing!
Thus our God in - car - nate Takes His flesh div - in - est.
With thee in His glo - ry Joy and light un - end - ing.
Who the world and all things Gov - ern - eth and guid - eth.

The hymn tune is derived in part from the tune WÜRTEMBERG by Johann Rosenmüller (*ca.* 1619-1684), and it has been named GRAF in honour of Richard and Melita Graf of River Falls, Wisconsin.

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Descant

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 Who with Thee in glo - ry Liv - eth and a - bi - deth,
 Who the world and all things Gov - ern - eth and guid - eth.

Note that the Descant for stanza 2 is just the Alto part transposed up an octave.