Come, Behold the Year Before Us

The melody for this carol was composed by Felix Mendelssohn as “Vaterland, in meinen Gauen” to lyrics by Adolf Eduard Pröß, as part of the larger opus, Festgesang. English speakers recognize it as “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”. In 1855, English church organist William H. Cummings matched that carol’s lyrics, written in 1739 by Charles Wesley and George Whitefield, to Mendelssohn’s melody.

Composed by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Carol by Sophia Green

Arranged by William H. Cummings

See one with Nature all are we, human, beast, or flowing tree, air, water, earth of God all be!

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