

From Virgin's womb this day / Rejoice, rejoice

A carol for Christmas day

Francis Kindermarsh (fl.1570s)

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Songs of sundrie natures (Thomas East press, London, 1589)

The first part (consort song)

Superius

Medius

Contratenor

Tenor

Bassus

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From
This
In
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Vir-gin's womb this day, this day did spring The pre - cious_ seed that
 day to man came pledge of per - fect peace, This day to_ man came
 Christ his flock let love be sure - ly placed, From Christ his flock let
 sing un - to this glit - t'ring glo - rious king, O praise his name let

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on - ly sa - ved man, This day let man re - joice and sweet - ly sing
 love and u - ni - ty, This day man's grief be - gan for to_ sur - cease,
 con - cord hate ex - pel, Of Christ his flock let love be so_ em - braced,
 e - v'ry li - ving thing, Let heart and voice like bells of sil - ver ring

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Since on this day our Sa - vi-our first be - gan. This day, this
 This day did man re - ceive a re - me - dy For each, for
 As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is, Christ
 The com-fort that this day to man doth bring: Let Lute, let

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day did Christ man's soul from death re - move With glo - ri - ous Saints to
 each of - fence and e - v'ry dead - ly sin With guil - ty heart that erst
 is the au - thor of sweet u - ni - ty, From whence pro - cee - deth
 Lute, let Shalm, with sound of sweet de - light These joys of Christ his

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dwell in Heav'n a - bove, with glo - ri - ous Saints to dwell in Heav'n a - bove, a - bove.
 he wan - der - ed in, with guil - ty heart that erst he wan - der - ed in.
 all fe - li - ci - ty, from whence pro - cee - deth all fe - li - ci - ty.
 birth this day re - cite, These joys of Christ his birth this day re - cite, re - cite.

The second part (chorus)

Superius
 Re - joyce, re - joyce, with heart and

Contratenor
 Re - joyce, re - joyce, with heart and voice, with heart and

Tenor
 Re - joyce, re - joyce, with

Bassus
 Re - joyce, re -

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 voice, with heart and voice: In Christ his birth this day, this

voice, with heart and voice: In Christ his birth this day, this

heart and voice, and voice: In Christ his birth this day, re -

joyce, with heart and voice: In Christ his birth this day, this

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 day re-joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, In Christ his birth this day, this day, this day

day re-joyce, re - joyce, In Christ his birth this day, this day re -

- joyce, re - joyce, In Christ his birth this day, this day re-joyce, re - joyce, re -

day re-joyce, re - joyce, In Christ his birth this day re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce,

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 re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re -

joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re -

joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re -

- re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re -

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joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - - - joice, re - joice, re - - - - - joice.
 joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - - - - - joice, re - - - joice, re - - - - - joice.
 joice, re - - - - - joice, re - joice, re - - - - - joice.
 joice, re - - - - - joice, this day re - joice, re - joice.

From Virgin's womb this day, this day did spring
 The precious Seed that only saved man
 This day let man rejoice and sweetly sing,
 Since on this day our Saviour first began.
 This day did Christ man's soul from death remove
 With glorious saints to dwell in Heaven above.

This day to man came pledge of perfect peace,
 This day to man came love and unity,
 This day man's grief began for to surcease,
 This day did man receive a remedy
 For each offence and every deadly sin
 With guilty heart that erst he wandered in.

In Christ His flock let love be surely plac'd,
 From Christ His flock let concord hate expel,
 Of Christ His flock let love be so embrac'd
 As we in Christ and Christ in us may dwell.
 Christ is the author of sweet unity
 From whence proceedeth all felicity.

O sing unto this glittering, glorious King,
 O praise His name let every living thing;
 Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring
 The comfort that this day to man doth bring:
 Let lute, let shawm, with sound of sweet delight
 These joys of Christ His birth this day recite.

Rejoice, rejoice, with heart and voice,
 In Christ his birth this day rejoice.