

O Sempervirens, Evergreen!


This carol is a new and enhanced translation of the German "O Tannenbaum!", whose lyrics were originally written by Joachim Zarnack in 1819, and modified by Ernst Anschütz in 1824. English speakers will recognize the melody as that of "O Christmas Tree!" Our new translation additionally praises the "Sempervirens", Latin for "Redwood tree".

Melody, traditional Westphalian-German

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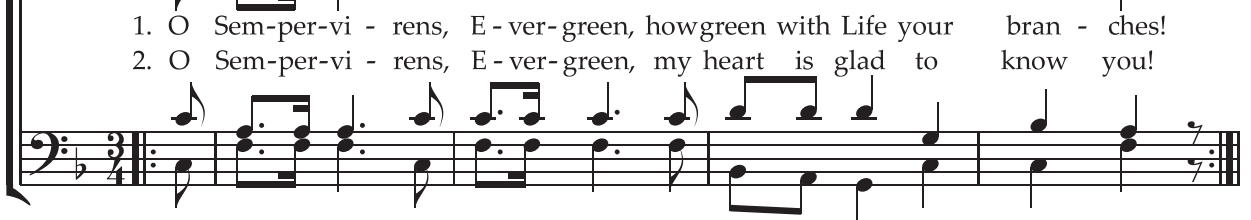
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SOPRANO
ALTO




1. O Sem-per-vi - rens, E - ver-green, how green with Life your bran - ches!
2. O Sem-per-vi - rens, E - ver-green, my heart is glad to know you!

TENOR
BASS



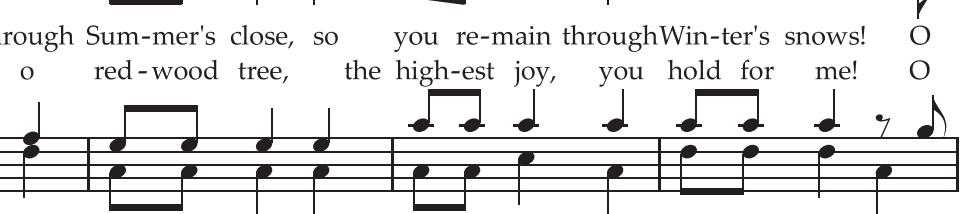
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S.



As green you are through Sum-mer's close, so you re-main through Win-ter's snows! O
At Yule-tide now, o red-wood tree, the high-est joy, you hold for me! O

B.



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S.



Sem-per - vi - rens, E - ver-green, how green with Life your bran - ches!
Sem-per - vi - rens, E - ver-green, my heart is glad to know you!

B.



3. O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
your raiment shows me wisdom, } (2X)
that Steadfastness brings Hope in kind,
and Strength and Solace for all time!
O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
your raiment shows me wisdom!

4. O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
your ancient boughs breathe for us! } (2X)
Your breath of life through ages long,
has bless'd all creatures in Life's song!
O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
Your ancient boughs breathe for us!

5. O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
our fates must grow together! } (2X)
Mankind must rise, tall strong and keen,
Earth's Sempervirens to redeem!
Before we were, you've ever been,
Earth's past and life before us!