

# ADVENT ANTHEM

For the Choir of St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall, Cheshire, U.K.  
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Moderato (♩ = 85)

**S**  
The Ad-vent moon----- shines cold and clear; These Ad-vent nights--- are ver-y

**A**  
The Ad-vent moon----- shines cold and clear; These Ad-vent nights--- are ver- y

**T**  
The Ad-vent moon----- shines cold and clear; These Ad-vent nights-- are ver- y

**B**  
The Ad-vent moon----- shines cold and clear; These Ad-vent nights-- are ver- y

Piano or Organ (optional)

*dim.* *pp* *mp*  
long----- The Ad-vent moon shines cold and clear;----- These Ad-vent nights are

*dim.* *pp* *mp*  
long----- The Ad-vent moon shines cold and clear; These Ad-vent nights are

*dim.* *pp* *mp*  
long----- The Ad-vent moon shines cold and clear; These Ad-vent nights are

*dim.* *pp* *mp*  
long----- The Ad-vent moon shines cold and clear;----- These Ad-vent

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long; Our lamps have burned year af-ter year--- And still their flame is strong.

long; Our lamps have burned year af-ter year--- And still-- their flame is strong.

long; Our lamps have burned year af-ter year And still-- their flame is strong.

nights are long; Our lamps have burned year af---ter year And still their flame is strong.

'Watchman, what of the night?' we cry Heart-----sick with hope de- ferred:

'Watchman, what of the night?' we cry Heart-sick with hope de-- ferred:

'Watchman, what of the night?' we cry Heart-----sick with hope de- ferred:

'Watchman, what of the night?' we cry Heart-sick with hope de-- ferred:

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*f* No speak-ing signs are in the sky', *p* Is still the watch-man's word. *dim.*

*f* No speak-ing signs are in the sky', *p* Is still the watch-man's word. *dim.*

*mf* brightly *mp*

One to---an- oth-er hear them speak The pat---ient vir- gins wise:

*mf* *mp*

One to-- an- oth- er hear them speak The pat---ient vir- gins wise:

*mf* 'Sure- ly He is not far to seek' *mf* 'All night we watch and rise'. *dim.* *mp*

*mf* 'All night we watch and rise '.

*f sempre*  
The days are evil looking

*mp* One to an-oth-er hear them speak The

*mp* One to an- oth-er hear them speak The

*f sempre*  
'The days are e- vil look-ing back, The com-ing days are dim;  
back, The com- ing days are dim; Yet count we not His pro-mise

pat-ient vir-gins wise: 'Sure-ly He is not far to seek' 'All  
 pat-ient vir-gins wise: 'Sure-ly He is not far to seek' 'All  
 Yet count we not His promise slack, But watch and wait for Him'.  
 slack, But watch and wait for Him'.

*p* *p* *dim.* *mp*

night we watch and rise'. Lull- la- by.  
 night we watch and rise'. Weep-ing we hold Him fast to- night: We  
 Lull- a- by, lull- a-  
 Lull- a- by,

*pp* *mp* *pp* *pp*

lull- a- by. Till day-- break smite our wear-ied sight,----- And  
 will not let Him go Till day-- break smite our wear-ied sight,----- And  
 by. Till day-- break smite our wear-ied sight, And sum-mer, and  
 lull- a- by. Till day-- break smite our wear-ied sight, ----- And

This system contains the first four staves of music. The top three staves are vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) with lyrics. The bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. Dynamics include *f* and accents (>). The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

sum- mer smite the snow: Then He shall say  
 sum- mer smite the snow: Then figs shall bud, and dove with dove shall coo the  
 sum-mer smite the snow: Then figs shall bud, and dove with dove shall coo the  
 sum- mer smite the snow: Then dove with dove shall coo the live-long

This system contains the next four staves of music. The top three staves are vocal parts with lyrics. The bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. Dynamics include *mf* and *mp*. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

*mf cresc. f dim. subito mp*

Then-- He shall say, 'A- rise, My love,--- My--- fair one , come a-

*mf cresc. f dim. subito mp*

live-long day;--- Then He shall say, 'A- rise, My love,--- My--- fair one, come a-

*mf cresc. f dim. subito mp*

live-long day;--- Then He shall say, 'A- rise, my love,--- My--- fair one, come a-

*mf cresc. f dim. subito mp*

day; Then-- He shall say, 'A- rise, My love,--- My--- fair one, come a-

*pp*

way'. --- The Ad- vent moon----- shines cold and clear; we watch and wait.

*pp*

way'. ----- The Ad- vent moon----- shines cold and clear; we watch and wait.

*pp*

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