

Our Hope is a Child

The Genesee Chorale & The Genesee Children's Chorus

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THE GENESEE CHORALE

THIS LITTLE BABE

Benjamin Britten/arr. Julius Harrison

(from "A Ceremony of Carols")

This little babe so few days old, is come to rife Satan's fold
All hell doth at his presence quake, though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmed wise the gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field, his naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries, his arrows looks of weeping eyes.
His martial ensigns Cold and Need, and feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall, his bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, hay stalks his stakes, of shepherds he his muster makes.
And thus as sure his foe to wound, the angels' trumpets alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight; stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward; this little Babe will by thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from this heavenly boy!

THE WINTER'S NIGHT

Nicholas Myers

GO WHERE I SEND THEE

arranged by André Thomas

Featuring Fran Thomas

WHERE SHEPHERDS LATELY KNELT

Carl Schalk

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;

But there is room and welcome there for me.
In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet newborn Babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned
It's way into my heart—unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me?

AVE MARIA

R. Douglas Helvering

DECK THE HALLS

arr. Francisco J. Nunez & Jim Papoulis

A LULLABY

Ryan Murphy

The stars are twinkling in the skies, the earth is lost in slumbers deep;
So hush, my sweet, and close thine eyes, and let me lull thy soul to sleep.
Compose thy dimpled hands to rest, and like a little birdling lie
Secure within thy cozy nest upon my loving mother breast,
And slumber to my lullaby, so hushaby, O hushaby.

The moon is singing to a star the little song I sing to you;
The father sun has strayed afar, as baby's sire is straying too.
And so the loving mother moon sings to the little star on high;
And as she sings, her gentle tune is borne to me, and thus I croon
For thee, my sweet, that lullaby of hushaby, O hushaby.

There is a little one asleep that does not hear his mother's song;
But angel watchers, as I weep, surround his grave the night-tide long.
And as I sing, my sweet, to you, Oh, would the lullaby I sing
The same sweet lullaby he knew while slumb'ring on this bosom too
Were borne to him on angel's wing! So hushaby, O hushaby.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

arr. Grant Cochran

Verse 1 (Chorale alone)

Refrain (Chorale alone)

Verse 2 (Chorale alone)

Refrain (all sing):

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Verse 3 (Chorale alone)

Refrain (all sing):

Raise, raise your song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! Joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

arr. Peter Anglea

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THE GENESEE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

FOR THE WINTER

Mike Wilson

CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

Theresa Jennings

Featuring Deborah Malley

SHALOM CHAVERIM

arr. Karl Hitzemann

THE GENESEE CHORALE & THE GENESEE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

HOPE FOR RESOLUTION

arr. Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory

Yvonne Freeman, Flute
Bob Holley, Congas

GIVE US HOPE

Jim Papoulis

Lindsey Augello & Karen Jones, Narrators

SILENT NIGHT

arr. Thomas Coker

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

arr. Dan Forrest

Doug Hanson & Henry Emmans, Piano

The Genesee Children's Chorus

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