*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1907

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Edward Hodges, 1846

HYMN TO JOY S.7.8.7.D.

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began;

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds men to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea.
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife.

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.
Joyful music leads us onward In the triumph song of life.
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks, 1868

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.6.6.
Lewis H. Redner, 1868

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathering all above,
3. How silently, how silently, The world expects its King.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
While mortal sleep the angels keep Their watch of wonder and love.
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
Gest out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
O morn-ing stars, to-geth-er Pro-claim the ho-ly birth!
No ear may hear his com-ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ-mas an-gels The great glad tid-ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ en-ters in.
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Eman-u-el!
Sent Forth by God's Blessing
Omer Wastendorf, 1964

Descant

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the
   tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever
   people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the
   tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever

Omer Wastendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in People's Mass Book, 1964, the first remarkable Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.7.6.8.8.6.D.
Welsh folk melody

Horn: Leland Sauter, 1972
Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
all who believe. The seed of the teaching, re-
your light now lead us, unite us as one in this
captive hearts reaching, shall blossom in action for
life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanks-
God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall u-
life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanks-
giving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.
we to work for God's realm and to answer the call.
giving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.