

Christopher Beardsley

Sir Christèmas
for unaccompanied SATB choir

CHRISTOPHER BEARDSLEY
Sir Christèmas

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.
Who is there that singeth so,
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell?

I am here, Sir Christèmas.
Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas!
Welcome to us all, both more and less!
Come near, Nowell.

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, tidings I you bring:
A maid hath borne a child full young,
The which causeth you for to sing:

Nowell.
Christ is now born of a pure maid;
In an ox-stall he is laid,
Wherefore sing we all at a brayde:
Nowell.

Buvez bien par toute la compagnie,
Make good cheer and be right merry,
And sing with us now joyfully:
Nowell.

15th century text

Duration: 3 minutes

Anonymous, c1500

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Maestoso (♩=c72)

SOPRANO
ALTO
TENOR
BASS

p
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well.

p
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well.

p
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well.

p
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well.

Piano {rehearsal only}

Maestoso (♩=c72)

Allegro (♩=c120)

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p somewhat hesitant
Who is there that sing-eth so, —

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p somewhat hesitant
Who is there that sing-eth so, —

Allegro (♩=c120)

p somewhat hesitant

10 **Maestoso**

mf

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well? _____

mf

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well? _____

mf

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well? _____

mf

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well? _____

Maestoso *mf*

mf

16 **Allegro** (♩=c120)

mf bolder *f*

I am here, Sir Chris-tè-mas! No - well, No - well, No - well.

mf bolder *f*

I am here, Sir Chris-tè-mas! No - well, No - well, No - well.

f bolder

I am here, Sir Chris-tè-mas! No - well, No - well.

f bolder

I am here, Sir Chris-tè-mas! No - well, No - well.

Allegro (♩=c120) *mf bolder* *f*

f bolder

20 *sempre f*

Wel-come, my lord Wel-come, my lord Sir Chris-tè-mas!

Wel-come, my lord Wel-come, my lord Sir Chris-tè-mas!

Wel-come, my lord No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

Wel-come, my lord No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

sempre f

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Wel-come to us all, both more or less! Come near, No-well,

Wel-come to us all, both more or less! Come near, No-well,

No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well. Come, come, come near,

No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well. Come, come, come near,

28 *sub p*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well. _____

sub p

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well. _____

sub p

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well. _____

sub p

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well. _____

sub p

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well. _____

33 *mf*

Dieu vous gar - de, sieurs,

mf *p*

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No - well.

mf *p*

Dieu vous gar - de, sieurs, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No - well.

mf *p*

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, No - well, No - well, No - well.

mf *p*

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mf *p*

Dieu vous gar - de, beaux_sieurs, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No - well,

mf *p*

Dieu vous gar - de, beaux_sieurs, No-well, No-well No-well, No-well, No - well.

mf *p*

Dieu vous gar - de, beaux sieurs, No - well, No - well, No - well,

mf

Dieu vous gar - de, beaux sieurs,

mf *p*

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mf

A maid hath borne a child full young,

mf

A maid hath borne a child full young, No-well,

mf

A maid hath borne a child, No - well,

mf

A maid hath borne a child full young, No-well,

mf

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born of a pure_ maid; In an ox- - stall he_ is___ laid,

No-well, no-well, No - well, No-well, No-well, No - well, No-well, No-well, No - well,

No - well, No-well, No - well, No - well, No-well, No - well, No - well, No-well, No - well,

No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

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Where-fore sing we all at a brayde: No - well,_ No -

No - well, No-well, No - well, No - well, No-well, No - well,

No - well, No-well, No - well, No - well, No-well, No - well,

No - well, No-well, No-well, No - well, No-well, No - well,

No - well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

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Maestoso

f

well, No - well. Bu - vez bien par

No-well, No-well, No - well. Bu - vez bien par toute la

No - well, No-well, No - well. Bu - vez bien par

No-well, No-well, No - well. Bu - vez bien par toute

Maestoso

f

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toute la com - pag - nie, Make good

com - pag - nie, Make good cheer

toute la com - pag - nie, Make good cheer

la com - pag - nie, Make good cheer and

Maestoso

f

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cheer and be right mer - ry, And sing with us now

and be right mer - ry, And sing with us now

and be right mer - ry, And sing with us now

be right mer - ry, And sing with us now

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Allegro
ff

joy - ful - ly, No - well, No - well,

joy - ful - ly, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

joy - ful - ly, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

joy - ful - ly, No - well, No - well,

Allegro
ff

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No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,
 No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No - well, No - well,
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

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No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well.
 No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, No - well, No - well.
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well.
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well.