

For Wyatt and Mary Ann Hoch

How Great Our Joy!

for SATB, accompanied*

Traditional German Carol
Arranged by CRAIG CURRY

Laid-back Gospel feel (♩ = ca. 78)

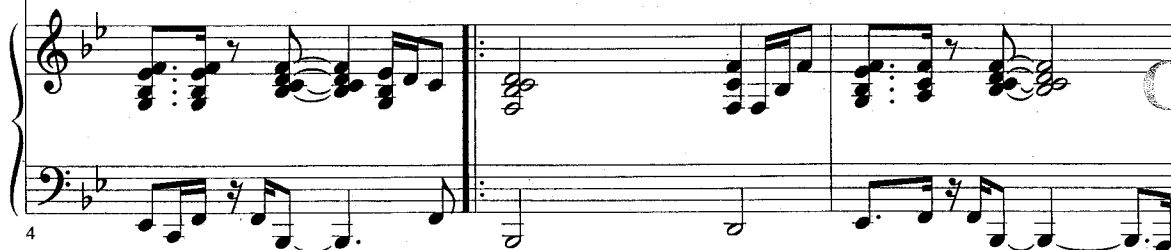
Accomp.



Solo** 5 relaxed, flowing
mf



1. While by our - sheep we watched at night, _____
2. There shall be - born so he did say, _____



Glad ti - dings - brought an an - gel bright. How great our joy! _____
In Beth - le - hem a Child to - day. How great our joy! _____ }



*ChoirTrax CD available (HL08742055)

**Soloist, feel free to ad lib throughout.

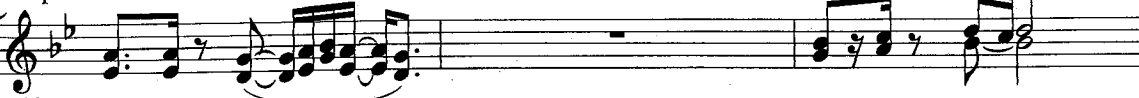


Solo



Joy, joy, joy! —

Soprano

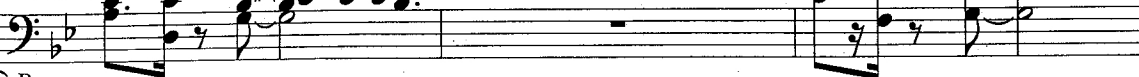


Alto

Great our joy! —

Joy, joy, joy! —

Tenor



Bass

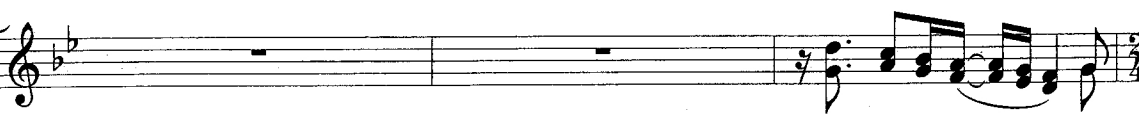


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Praise we the Lord — in heav'n on — high! —



Praise we the Lord — in

Unis.



13



13

1 2

heav'n on — high! — We'll praise Him with

Unis. *f*

Unis.

Unis. *f*

16 17

f

O lift — your voice to heav - en! — For

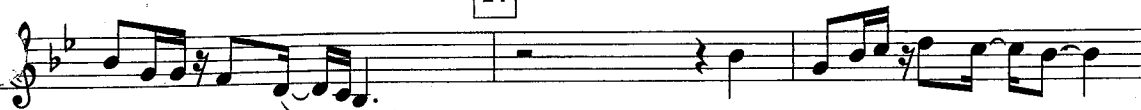
Unis.

joy! — We'll praise Him with joy! —

Unis.

20 21

24



He de-serves our praise! —

We're sing-ing hal-le - lu - jah! —

Unis.



We'll praise Him with joy! —

Unis.



24



23



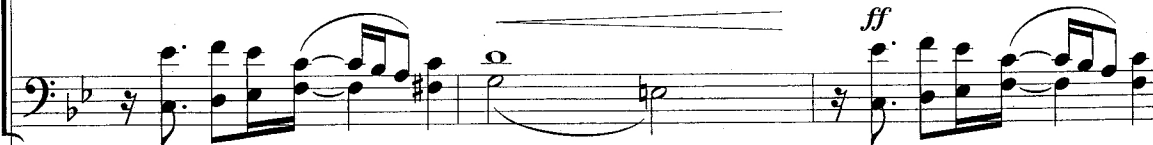
Lift His name on high!

Praise we the Lord — with

ff

Praise we the Lord — on high! —

Praise we the Lord — with

ff*ff*

26

8vb

joy! —————

joy! ————— Praise Him with joy! —————

joy! ————— Praise Him with joy! —————

joy! —————

with joy! ————— with —————

mf

29

33

mf

1. There shall the Child lie in a stall, —————
2. This gift of God we'll cherish well, —————

joy! —————

32

33

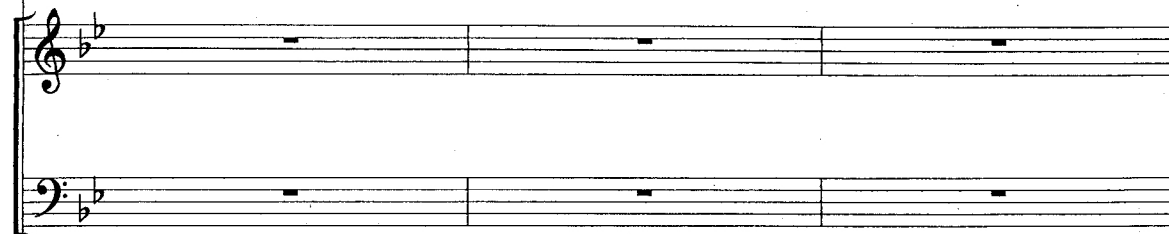
joy! —————

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This Child who—shall re - deem us— all. — How great our joy! —
 That ev - er— joy our hearts shall— fill. — How great our joy! — }



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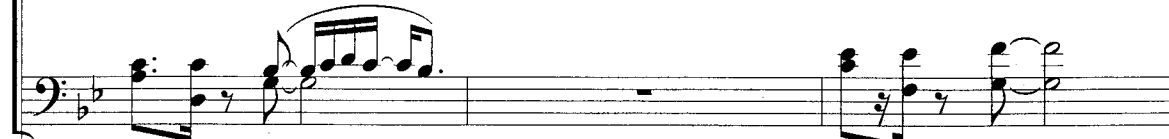


Joy, joy, joy! —



Great our joy! —

Joy, joy, joy! —

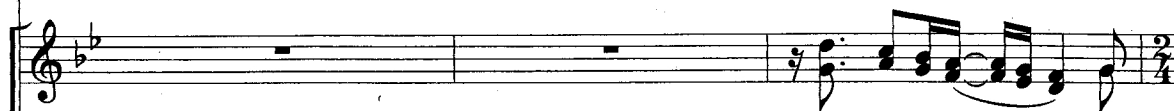


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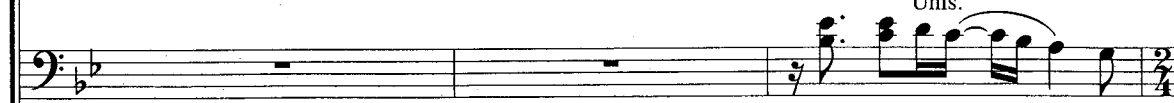


Praise we the Lord — in heav'n on — high! —

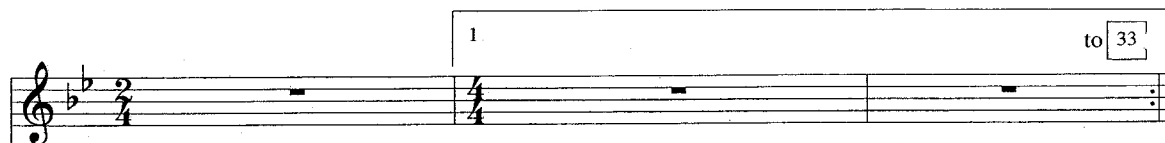
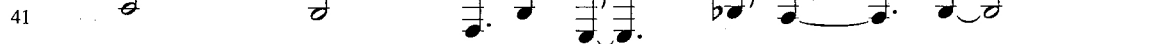


Praise we the Lord — in

Unis.



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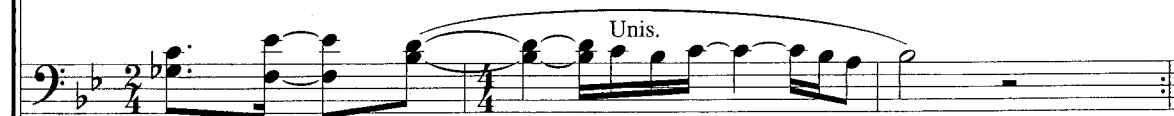


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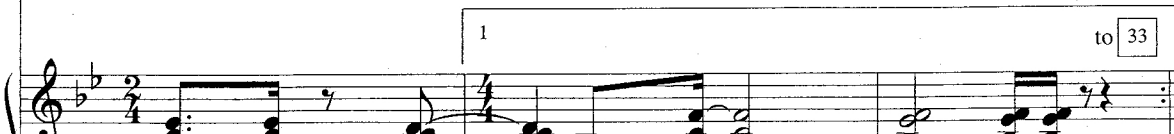
to 33



heav'n on — high! —

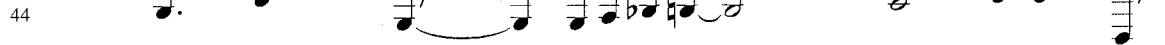


Unis.



1

to 33



2

f ad lib.

O lift - your voice to heav - en! —

Unis. *f*

— We'll praise Him with joy! — We'll praise Him with

Unis. *f*

47

50

For He de-serves our praise! — We're

joy! — We'll praise Him with joy! —

50

53

8^{vb}

sing - ing hal - le - lu - jah! —

Lift His name on high!

Praise we the Lord — on high!

56

ff

Praise we the Lord — with joy!

ff

Praise Him with joy!

Praise Him with

Praise we the Lord — with joy!

joy!

Praise Him with

ff

with joy!

56

ff

mf

61

Such joy! Joy! joy! Joy!

with joy! 61 With

59

mf How great our joy! How great our joy!

How great our joy, joy! How great our joy,

mf How great our joy, Joy! How great our joy,

joy! How great our joy! With joy! How great our joy!

freely, out of tempo

Hal-le-lu-jah! —

How great our joy! —

rit.

joy! — How great our joy! —

joy! — How great our joy! —

rit.

With joy! How great our joy! —

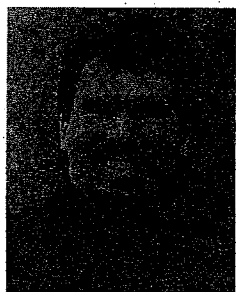
rit. *mf*

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The arrangement

This arrangement gives a fresh twist to the Christmas standard, "How Great Our Joy." The solo line can be sung by one person for the whole piece, or you might consider "sharing" the solo with two or more people for variety on different stanzas. With its black gospel/R & B feel, it's important to pay close attention to the rhythms while not overemphasizing them.

The arranger



Since 1990, **Craig Curry** has served as the Pastor of Worship at First Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas. A widely published composer and arranger, Craig has been called "one of the freshest musical voices around." In 1992, he won the Fanny Crosby Choral Composition Competition, and has since received several ASCAP awards. Mr. Curry holds a B.S. in Piano Performance from Wheaton College and a M.M. in Media Writing and Production from the University of Miami. He resides in Wichita, KS with his wife Amy, a family practice physician.

