

# THIS DAY CHRIST WAS BORN

William Byrd (1542–1623)

Soprano I  
This day Christ was \_\_\_ born, Christ \_\_\_ was \_\_\_ born, Christ was born,

Soprano II  
This day Christ was \_\_\_ born, Christ \_

Alto I  
This day Christ was \_\_\_ born, Christ was born, Christ was \_

Alto II  
This day Christ \_\_\_ was \_\_\_ born, Christ was \_\_\_ born,

Tenor  
This day Christ was born,

Bass  
This day Christ \_

this day Christ \_\_\_ was \_\_\_ born, this day our Sa - vi - our

\_\_\_ was \_\_\_ born, Christ was born, this day our Sa - vi - our did \_

born, Christ was born, this day our Sa - - vi - our did \_

Christ was \_\_\_ born, this day our \_\_\_ Sa - vi - our did ap - pear, ap -

this day Christ \_\_\_ was \_\_\_ born, this day our Sa - vi - our did ap -

\_\_\_ was \_\_\_ born, Christ was born, this day our Sa - vi - our did ap -



The arch - an - gels are glad, are glad,  
earth. The arch - an - gels are glad, are  
earth, in earth. The arch  
earth. The arch - an - gels are glad, are glad, the arch - an - gels  
earth. The arch - an - gels are glad,

The arch - an - gels are glad, are glad, the arch  
the arch - an - gels, the arch - an - gels are  
glad, the arch - an -  
- an - gels are glad, are glad, the arch - an - gels are glad, are  
are glad, the arch - an - gels are glad, are glad, the arch -  
the arch - an - gels are glad, are glad, the arch -



- an - gels are glad, are glad, the arch - an - gels are glad, \_\_\_\_\_ are glad. This day the just re  
glad, \_\_\_\_\_ are glad, the arch - an - gels are glad. \_\_\_\_\_ This day the just re  
- gels, the arch - an - gels are glad, are glad, are glad, are glad.  
\_\_\_\_\_ glad, are glad, are glad, are glad, are glad. This day the just re  
- an - gels are glad, are glad, are glad, \_\_\_\_\_ are glad.  
are glad, \_\_\_\_\_ are glad, are glad.



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- joice, re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ this day the just re -  
- joice, \_\_\_\_\_ the just re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ this day  
This day the just re - joice, re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_  
- joice, \_\_\_\_\_ re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_  
This day the just re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ the just \_\_\_\_\_ re -  
This day the just re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ the

- joice, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ just re - joice, re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ say - ing,  
 the just re - - joice, re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ say - - ing, say -  
 this day the just re - joice, re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ say - ing,  
 this day the just re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ say - ing,  
 - joice, the \_\_\_\_\_ just re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, say - ing,  
 just re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ the just re - joice, re - joice, say - ing,

\*The Oxford editor recommends shortening the last note to a crotchet in each case. Thus in bar 23 the basses will sing a minim on '-joice' and a crotchet on 're-' like the tenors, while in bar 24 the 2nd-soprano E on 'say-' will be delayed so as to coincide with the 1st-soprano G.

say - - - - - ing: Glo - ry be to God \_\_\_\_\_ on high,  
 - ing, say - - - - - ing: Glo - ry be to God on  
 say - - - - - ing: Glo - ry be to God.  
 say - - - - - ing, say - ing: Glo - ry  
 say - - - - - ing, say - - - - - ing:  
 say - - - - - ing:

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glo - ry be to God on high, glo - ry be to God.  
 high, to God on high,  
 on high, glo - ry be to God on high, on  
 be to God on high, glo - ry be to God on high, to  
 Glo - ry be to God, glo - ry be to God on high, on high,  
 Glo - - ry be to God on high, on high,

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on high, to God on high, on high, glo - ry  
 to God on high, glo - ry be to God on high,  
 high, glo - ry be to God, glo - ry be to God on high,  
 God on high, glo - ry be to God on high, glo -  
 on high, glo - - ry be to God on high,  
 glo - ry be to God on high, to God on high, to God on



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al - le-lu - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia.  
- - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al-le - lu - - ia.  
- le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - - - - - - ia.  
al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia.  
- lu - ia, al-le-lu - - ia, al - - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - - - - ia.  
- - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - - le - - lu - - - - ia.