

for Christmas Eve 2007 at Westwood Lutheran Church,  
and gratefully dedicated to Dr. Kristina Langlois, friend and colleague

# My Heart Rejoices

A hymn concertato on "Once Again My Heart Rejoices" and "Once in Royal David's City"  
for SATB choir, children's voices, assembly, organ, viola and handbells

Paul Gerhardt, tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.  
Cecil Frances Alexander

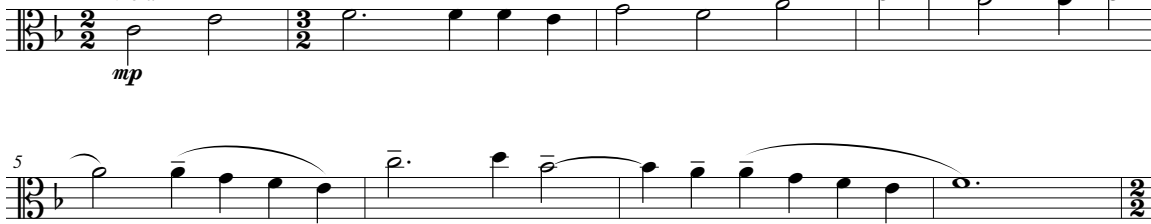
WARUM SOLLT ICH, Johann Ebeling  
IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett  
arr. Zebulon M. Highben

Handbells begin, ringing randomly on the following pitches (and continuing through measure 23):



Gently (♩ = ca. 80)

Viola\*



All this night my heart re-joic-es as I  
Once a-gain



hear, far and near, sweet-est an-gel voic-es:



"Christ is born!"

their choirs are sing-ing, till the

\* Or other instrument

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

18

air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing. \_\_\_\_\_

21

( $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ )  
(handbells fade and tacet)

24

All singers in unison, with assembly  
*mf*  
Once in roy - al Da - vid's\_ cit - y stood a

27

low - ly cat - tle\_ shed, where a moth - er laid\_ her\_

30

ba - by in a man - ger for — his — bed; Mar - y

33

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle — child.

37

Soprano *mf*  
Alto  
Tenor *mf*  
Bass

Je - sus' voice from low - ly man - ger soft - ly thus calls to