

Sing we merry Christmas

Crawford Townshend Bowen (1834 - 1908)

Musical notation for the first system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Sing we mer-ry Christ - mas, Christ - mas blithe and free, Time of ho - ly". Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).

Musical notation for the second system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "glad - ness, Mirth and min - strel - sy. Hark! the mer - ry Church - bells". Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).

Musical notation for the third system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Ring-ing joy - ous - ly; Hail-ing with sweet mu - sic Christ's na-tiv - i - ty.". Dynamics include *f* (forte).

2. Haste we to His temple,
Wreath our garlands green;
Deck each arch and column,
Stall and altar-screen:
Gloria in excelsis
Hark, the angels sing!
Gloria in excelsis
To our Infant King.

3. Priest and choir and people,
Join in concert all;
Sing your loudest praises
At our festival.
Joy for us poor exiles,
On this happy morn;
Jesus Christ Emmanuel
Of David's line was born.

(Source: Carols old and carols new, Boston, 1916)