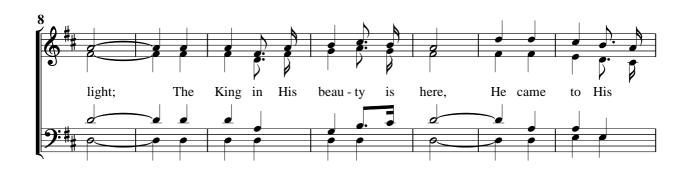
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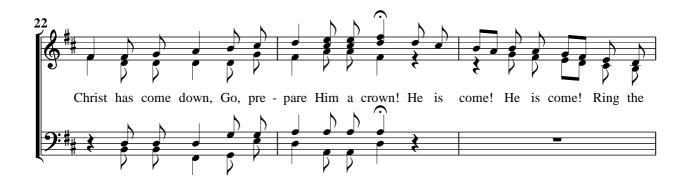
Charlotte Helen Sainton-Dolby (1821 - 1885)













2.

"Has He come to the castle so grand,
To be feasted and honoured to-day?
Has He come to the lords of the land?
Has He come to the bright and the gay?"
"He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!
Jesus Christ has come down
To a poor little town;
He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!

3.

"Has He come in His grandeur and pride
To ride through the streets of the town,
With the princes and priests at His side,
And the soldiers defending His crown?"
"He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!
In a cave cold and bare
You will find the King there;
He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!"

4.

"Have they dressed Him in purple and gold?
Have they laid Him within a soft bed,
Like the kings and the princes of old,
With a guard to watch over His Head?"
"He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!
He is laid in the grass
With the ox and the ass;
He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!"

5.

"Have they sounded the trumpets afar?
Have they welcomed with music and song
The Prophet, the King, and the Star,
The Light we have looked for so long?"
"He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!
To the shepherds alone
Hath He made Himself known;
He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!"

6.

"If the shepherds were poor, so am I;
For nothing I have of my own;
To the love of the King may I fly?
May I kneel at the foot of His Throne?"
"He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!
Jesus Christ loveth all,
Young and old, great and small,
He is come! He is come! Ring the bells!"

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