

From Virgin's womb
A Carol for Christmas day

William Byrd (ca.1540-1623)

Superius
(Descant)

Medius
(Descant or Treble)

Contratenor
(Treble or Tenor)

Tenor
(Tenor)

Bassus
(Bass)

From

6

Vir-gin's womb this day, this day did spring the pre-ci-

11

ous seed that on-ly sa-ved man, this day let man re-joice

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and sweet-ly sing. since on this day our Sa-vi-our

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first be - gan. This day, this day did Christ man's soul —

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— from death re - move with glo - ri - ous Saints to dwell in heaven a -

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bove, with glo - ri - ous Saints — to dwell in heaven a - bove, — a - bove.

Chorus

Superius (Descant) Re - joice, re - - - joice, with heart and .

Contratenor (Descant) Re - joice, re - - - joice, with heart and voice

Tenor (Treble) Re - joice, re - - -

Bassus (Treble) Re -

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voice, with heart and

with heart and voice, with heart and

joyce, with heart and voice, and voice,

joyce, re - - - joyce, with

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voice, in Christ his birth this day, this day re - joyce, re -

voice, in Christ his birth this day, this day re - joyce, re -

in Christ his birth this day, re - - - joyce, re -

heart and voice, in Christ his birth this day, this day re - joyce, re -

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joyce, re - - - joyce, in Christ his birth this day, this

- - - joyce, in Christ his birth this day,

- joyce, in Christ his birth this day, this day

- - - joyce, in Christ his birth, this day re - joyce, -

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day, this day re - joyce, re - - - joyce,

this day re - - - joyce, re - joyce, re - - -

re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - - - joyce, re - joyce, re - - -

- re - joyce, re - joyce, re - - - - - joyce, re - joyce, -

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re - joyce, re - - - - - joyce, re - joyce, re -
- joyce, re - joyce - - - - - joyce, re - joyce, re -
joyce, re - joyce, re - - - - - joyce, re - -
- re - - - - - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - - - - -

2. This day to man came pledge of perfect peace,
This day to man came love and unity,
This day man's grief began for to surcease,
This day did man receive a remedy
For each offence and every deadly sin
With guilty heart that erst he wandered in.
Rejoice, rejoice, with heart and voice,
In Christ his birth this day rejoice.
3. In Christ his flock let love be surely placed,
From Christ his flock let concord hate expel,
Of Christ his flock let love be so embraced,
As we in Christ, and Christ in us, may dwell.
Christ is the author of sweet unity,
From whence proceedeth all felicity.
Rejoice, rejoice, with heart and voice,
In Christ his birth this day rejoice.
4. O sing unto this glittering glorious king,
O praise his name let every living thing,
Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring
The comfort that this day to man doth bring,
Let Lute, let Shalm, with sound of sweet delight
These joys of Christ his birth this day recite.
Rejoice, rejoice, with heart and voice,
In Christ his birth this day rejoice.