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## ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT

A traditional carol from Sussex  
collected and arranged for  
Unison Voices and Organ

*with an arrangement for S.A.T.B. unaccompanied*

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(SUSSEX.)

Traditional Carol collected and arranged by  
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*Allegretto grazioso.*

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1. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing, To hear the news the  
sin de-parts be - fore Thy grace, Then life and health come

an - gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing, To hear the news the an - gels bring;  
in its place. When sin de - parts be - fore Thy grace, Then life and health come in its place;

*d. = d.*  
News of great joy\_ news of\_ great mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful\_ Kings  
An - gels and men with joy may sing, All for to see the new - born

1. birth. 2. When King. 3. All out of dark - ness

we\_ have light, Which made the an - gels sing this night. All out of dark - ness

we have light, Which made the an - gels sing this night: - "Glo - ry to God and peace to

men, Now and for ev - er - more. A - men?"

*rall.* *a tempo*

*colla voce* *a tempo*

*rall.*

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring;  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

2. When sin departs before Thy grace,  
Then life and health come in its place:  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the new-born King.

3. All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night;  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore. Amen."

4 Arrangement for unaccompanied singing.

S.  
1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, On  
2. When sin de - parts be - fore Thy grace, When  
3. From out of dark - ness we have light, From

A.  
1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, To  
2. When sin de - parts be - fore Thy grace, Then  
3. From out of dark - ness we have light, Which

T.  
1. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing, To hear the news the an - gels bring, To  
2. When sin de-parts be - fore Thy grace, Then life and health come in its place, Then  
3. From out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels sing this night, Which

B.  
1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, To  
2. When sin de - parts be - fore Thy grace, Then  
3. From out of dark - ness we have light, Which.

Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing, To hear the news the an - gels bring; News of great  
sin de-parts be - fore Thy grace, Then life and health come in its place; An - gels and  
out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels sing this night:— "Glo - ry to

hear the news the an - gels bring; News of  
life and health come in its place; An gels  
made the an - gels sing this night:— "Glo - ry

hear the news the an - gels bring; News of  
life and health come in its place; An gels  
made the an - gels sing this night:— "Glo - ry

hear the news the an - gels bring; News of  
life and health come in its place; An gels  
made the an - gels sing this night:— "Glo - ry

*d. = d.*  
joy, news of great mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
men with joy may sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
God and peace to men, Now and for ev - er - more A - men."

— great mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
— may sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
— to God, Now and for ev - er - more A - men."

— great mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
— may sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
— to God, Now and for ev - er - more A - men."

— great mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
— may sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
— to God, Now and for ev - er - more A - men."

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