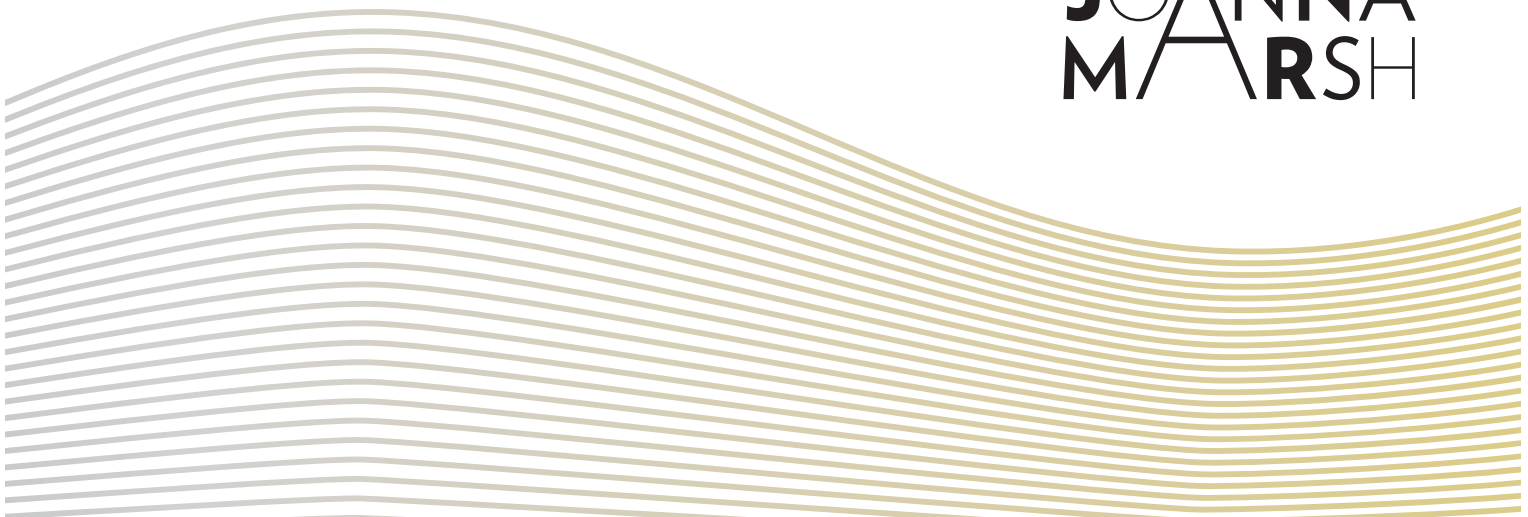


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Total duration c.4'

Dedicated to my goddaughter Beatrice Temmink.

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Evergreen

Text adapted from "Gather around the Christmas Tree"
by Rev. John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1820–1891)

- 1 Evergreen have its branches been,
It is king of all the woodland scene;
For Christ our King is born today!
His reign shall never pass away.

Refrain

Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in excelsis!

- 2 Once the pride of the mountainside,
Now cut down to grace our Christmastide;
For Christ from heav'n to earth came down,
To gain, thro' death, a nobler crown. *[Refrain]*
- 3 Every bough bears a burden now,–
They are gifts of love for us, we trow;
For Christ is born, His love to show,
And give good gifts to men below. *[Refrain]*
- 4 Twelve months o'er, we shall meet once more,
Merry welcome singing, as of yore:
For Christ now reigns, our Saviour dear,
And gives us Christmas every year! *[Refrain]*

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$\text{♩} = 80$ *mp* *mf*

SOPRANO 1
1. E - ver - green have its bran - ches been, it is king —

SOPRANO 2
1. E - ver-green have its bran - ches been, It is king —

ALTO
1. E - ver-green have its bran - ches been,

TENOR
1. E - ver-green have its bran - ches been,

BASS 1
1. E - ver-green have its bran - ches been,

BASS 2
1. E - ver-green have its bran - ches been,

4

— of all the wood - - land scene; For Christ —

— of all the wood - - land scene; For — Christ —

mp *mf*
it is king — of the wood - land scene;

mf
of the wood - land scene;

mp *mf*
it is king of the wood - land scene;

mp *mf*
it is king of the wood - land scene;

* Alternative notes in brackets if too low.

our King His reign

our King is born to - day! His reign

mf *mp*

for Christ is born to - day! His reign, shall

mp

for Christ is born to - day! His reign shall

mp

for Christ to - day His reign.

14

f *lilting*

ne - ver pass a - way. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

f *lilting*

nay. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

mf *f* *lilting*

ne - ver pass a - way. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -

mf *f* *lilting*

ne - ver pass a - way. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -

mf *f* *lilting*

nay. 'San - na, 'san - na, 'san - na,

mf *f*

'San - na,

19

Ho - san - - - na in ex - cel - sis! _____

- na, Ho - san - - - na *mp* 2. Once —

- san - - - na, Ho - san - na cel, — ex-cel - sis!

- san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in ex - cel, — ex-cel - sis!

'san - na, san - na, 'san - na in ex-cel - sis!

'san - na, 'san - na, 'san - na in ex-cel - sis!

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mp 2. Once the pride of the moun - tain - side, *mf* cut — down to

— the pride — moun - tain - side, *mf* cut — down to —

mp 2. Once the pride of the moun - tain - side

mp 2. Once the pride of the moun - tain - side

mp 2. Once the pride — moun - tain - side

mp 2. Once the pride — moun - tain - side

mf
 grace our Christ - mas - tide For Christ — from heav'n — to
mf
 grace our Christ - mas grace our Christ - mas - tide; to
mf
 cut down — to grace our Christ - mas - tide; for Christ — from — heav'n — to
mf
 cut down to grace our Christ - mas - tide; to
mf
 cut down to grace our Christ - mas - tide; to
mf
 grace our Christ - mas - tide; to

mp
 earth came down gain thro' death a no - bler crown. Ho -
mp
 earth — came — down to gain — thro' death a no - bler crown. Ho -
mp
 earth to — gain thro' death a no - bler crown. Ho -
mp
 earth came down, to gain thro' death a no - bler crown. Ho -
mp
 earth came down gain thro' death a no - bler crown.
mp
 earth came down gain thro' death a no - bler crown.

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f

- san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na

f

- san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in ex -

f

- san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na ex -

f

- san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in ex -

f

'San - na, 'san - na, 'san - na, 'san - na, 'san - na in ex -

f

'San - na, 'san - na, 'san - na, 'san - na in ex -

44

mp

in ex - cel - sis! _____ bears a bur - den

mp

- cel - sis, in ex - cel, ex-cel - sis! 3. E - v'ry bough

mp

- cel - sis, in ex - cel, ex-cel - sis! 3. E-v'ry bough bears a bur - den

mp

- cel - sis, in ex - cel - sis! _____ 3. E-v'ry bough bears a bur-den

mp

- cel - sis, ex - cel - sis! 3. E-v'ry bough bears bur-den

mp

- cel - sis, ex - cel - sis! 3. E-v'ry bough bears bur-den

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now, they are gifts of love we trow; _____

they are gifts, _____ gifts of love we trow; _____

now, of love for us we trow; _____

now, of love for us we trow; _____

now, of love for us we trow; _____

now, of love for us we trow; _____

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for Christ show, and give good

for Christ is born, His love to show, and give good

for Christ is born, His love to show, and give good

Christ is born, His love to show, and give good

Christ is born, love give good

Christ is born, love give good

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gifts to all Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -

gifts to all be - low. Ho - san - na, Ho -

gifts to all be - low. 'San - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -

gifts to all be - low. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -

gifts to all be - low. 'San - na, 'san - na,

gifts to all be - low. 'San - na,

66

- san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in ex - cel -

- san - na, 'san - na in ex - cel -

- san - na, in ex - cel -

- san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, cel -

'san - na, 'san - na, 'san - na, in ex - cel - sis.

'san - na, 'san - na.

f

f

f

f

f

f

- sis. _____ *mf* Meet _____ once
 - sis, in ex-cel - sis. _____ *mf* 4. Twelve months o'er we shall meet _____ once _
 - sis, in ex-cel - sis. _____ *mf* 4. Twelve months o'er we shall meet once
 - sis, in ex-cel - sis. _____ *mf* 4. Twelve months o'er we shall meet once
 8 - sis, in ex-cel - sis. _____ *mf* 4. Twelve months o'er we shall meet once
 4. Twelve months o'er we meet once
 4. Twelve months o'er we meet once

more, *f*
 more, *f* *mf* lightly wel - come sing - ing, mer - ry, mer - ry wel - come
 more, mer - ry *f* *mf* lightly sing - ing, wel - come sing - ing, mer - ry, mer - ry wel - come
 more, sing - ing, *f* *mf* lightly sing - ing, mer - ry wel - come
 more, *f*
 more, *f*

79

f *mf* *mp*

sing - - - ing as of yore: our

f *mf* *mp*

sing - - ing, sing - ing as of yore: our

f *mf*

sing - - ing, sing - ing as of yore: For Christ _____ now reigns, _____

f *mf*

sing - - - ing as of yore: For _____ Christ _____ now reigns, _____

f *mf* *mp*

sing - - - ing as of yore: our

f *mf*

sing - - - ing as of yore:

84

Sa - - viour He _____ gives us Christ-mas e - v'ry year!

Sa - - viour gives _____ us Christ-mas e - v'ry year! Ho -

mp *f*

our Sa - viour dear, gives _____ ah _____ Ho -

mp *f*

our Sa - viour dear, gives, He gives us Christ-mas e - v'ry year! Ho -

Sa - - viour gives _____ ah _____

mp

He gives ah _____

89

f *with brilliance*

'San - - - na, 'san - - - na, 'san -

- san - - - na, Ho - san - - - na, 'san -

- san - - - na, Ho - san - - - na, Ho - san - na

- san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na

f *with brilliance*

'San - na, Ho - san - na, 'san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na

f

'San - na, 'san - na, 'san - na, 'san - na,

94

mf *f*

- na in ex - cel - sis, in ex - cel, ex - cel - sis!

mf *f*

- na in ex - cel - sis, in ex - cel, ex - cel - sis!

mf *f*

in ex - cel - sis, in ex - cel - - - sis!

mf *f*

in ex - cel - sis, in ex - cel - - - sis!

mf *f*

in ex - cel - sis, in ex - cel - sis!

mf *f*

'cel - sis, in ex - cel - sis!

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