## December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Choral Prelude: Peter Warlock – Bethlehem Down

"When He is King we will give him the King's gifts, Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets, Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown, He that lies now in the white arms of Mary Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming, Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words by Bruce Blunt





The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

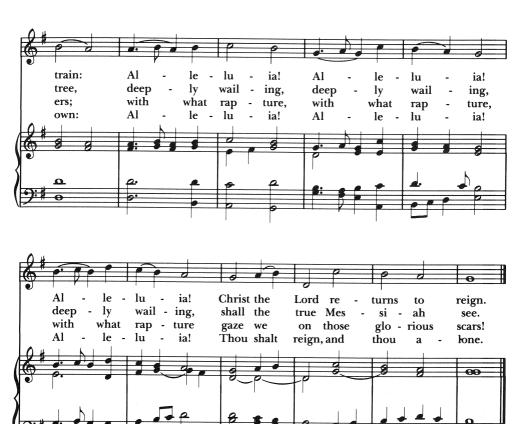
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This accompaniment may be used for selected stanzas and may be played an octave lower.

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Alternative tune: St. Thomas, 58.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Helmsley, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778);

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

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