

23. MASTERS IN THIS HALL

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French traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

Allegro moderato (♩ = 100) **ff** ALL VOICES

VOICES 1. Mas-ters in this hall,

PIANO **ff**

Hear ye news to-day Brought from ov-er sea, And ev-er I you pray:

REFRAIN for vv. 1--7★
v. 1: ALL VOICES
vv. 2, 4, 5: S. and A.
vv. 3, 6, 7: T. and B.

Now-ell! Now-ell! Now - ell! Now - ell sing we clear! Holp - en

are all folk on earth, — Born — is God's Son so dear:

★ The dynamic level of the refrain is in each case the same as that of the verse preceding it.
Also available separately (X208)

S.
Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell sing we loud! God to -

A.
Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell!

T.
Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell sing we

B.
Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell!

- day hath poor folk rais - ed And — cast a - down the proud.

God hath poor — folk rais - ed And cast a - down the proud.

loud! for God hath cast a - down the proud.

— God to - day — hath poor folk rais - ed And cast a - down the proud.

SOPRANOS and ALTOS

mp 2. Go - ing o'er the hills, _____ Through the milk - white snow,
mf 4. Quoth I, 'Fel - lows mine, _____ Why this guise sit ye?
mf 5. 'Shep - herds should of right _____ Leap and dance and sing,

mp

D.S. for REFRAIN

Heard I ew - es bleat _____ While the wind did blow:
 Mak - ing but dull cheer, _____ Shep - herds though ye be?
 Thus to see ye sit, _____ Is a right strange thing':

TENORS and BASSES

pp 3. Shep - herds ma - ny an one _____ Sat a - mong the sheep,
mf 6. Quoth these fel - lows then, _____ 'To Beth - lem town we go, _____ To

v. 3: pp
v. 6: mp

D.S. for REFRAIN

No man spake more word _____ Than they had been a - sleep:
 see a might - y lord _____ Lie in man - ger low':

mf SOPRANOS and ALTOS

7. 'How name ye this lord, _____ Shep-herds?' then said I, _____

mf

mf TENORS and BASSES

D.S. for REFRAIN

'Ve - ry God,' they said, _____ 'Come from hea - ven high':

ff ALL VOICES

8. This is Christ the Lord, _____ Mas - ters, be ye glad! _____

f

(straight on for REFRAIN)

Christ - mas is come in, _____ And no folk should be sad:

(ALL VOICES)

Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell sing we clear! Holp - en

S. are all folk on earth, Born is God's Son so dear: Now-

A. are all folk on earth, Born is God's Son so dear:

T. are all folk on earth, Born is God's Son so dear: Now-

B. are all folk on earth, Born is God's Son so dear:

- ell! Now - ell! God to -

Now-ell! Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell sing we loud! God to -

- ell! Now - ell! God to -

Now-ell! Now - ell! Now - ell! Now - ell sing we loud! God to -

ff

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