Joy to the World!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, for He cometh. Psalm 98:4, 9

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room,

2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns; Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains prove. He comes to make His blessings flow

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow

4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove. The glories of His righteousness

And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing.

Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy.

Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found.

And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love.

And heav’n and nature sing.

TEXT: Isaac Watts
MUSIC: George Frederick Handel; arranged by Lowell Mason

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Optional transition to "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; for the Lord hath comforted His people. Isaiah 49:13

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light;
2. All Your works declare Your glory; All creation joins to sing.

Angels lifting praise before You sing through this holy night.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.

In a manger lies a Baby—Child of Mary, Son of God.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise.

Voices joined in joyful chorus. Praise You for Your gift of love.
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love, and praise.

TEXT: Linda Lee Johnson
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; adapted by Edward Hodges; Choral ending by Eugene Thomas

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