FROM HEAVEN ABOVE
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Symphonic Prelude on Adeste Fideles ....................... Claude T. Smith

I. From Heaven Above

Savior of the Nations, Come .......................... Martin Luther (1483-1546)
arr. Karen Black & Richard Nance

**Narration**

For you alone, O God, my soul waits in silence.

Out of the depths, I cry to you. In you alone I place my hope. I wait for you as one who longs for the morning. You are my rock and my shield, my fortress in times of need. Your word will abide in my heart forever. You are health and saving light for every nation, dispelling shadows of the night with salvation. In your advent, draw me to you, my hope reborn in your dying and in your rising.

My soul cries out – come, Lord Jesus! Your church cries out – come, Lord Jesus! The whole creation pleads – come, Lord Jesus!

O Savior of the nations, from heaven above to earth come down.

Savior of the nations, come! Virgin’s son, make here your home. Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

**Narration**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only son. By his coming give us strength to love one another and shed light in the darkness of this world. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, and bring us to you.
Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the virgin undefiled! Mighty God and Mary’s son, eager now his race to run!

Thus on earth the word appears, gracing his created spheres; hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends!

Come, O Father’s saving son, Who o’er sin the victory won. Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

**Narration**

Come, holy fire of comfort and love. Grant us the will to do your work on earth. In you we put our hope and trust.

— Martin Luther, “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

**Vom Himmel Hoch (From Heaven Above)** ............................. Martin Luther

From heaven above to earth I come to bear good news to every home! Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing.

**Narration**

God of our joyous years, lead us to proclaim the good news of salvation to the far corners of the earth. From east to west, from shore to shore, let the good news of salvation ring. From north to south, from forest and field, let every heart awake and sing. O come, let us adore him!

**Vénite, adoramus! (O come, let us adore Him!)**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful ..................................................... Dan Forrest**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
II. Glad Tidings of Great Joy I Bring

Narration

Watchman, tell us of the night. The hour has come to awaken from your slumber. The night is nearly over and the day is almost here. Our salvation is near. Awake my soul so that I may exalt your name above the heavens! Awake my heart so I may proclaim your glory over all the earth!

Wake Awake for Night Is Flying.................... Phillip Nicolai (1556-1608)
arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Wake, awake, for night is flying:
The watchmen on the heights are crying,
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”

Midnight’s solemn hour is tolling,
his chariot wheels are nearer rolling;
he comes, prepare ye virgins wise.
Rise up; with willing feet,
go forth the bridegroom meet,
Hallelujah! Bear through the night your well trimmed light, speed forth to join the marriage rite.

Hear thy praise, O Lord, ascending
from the tongues of men and angels
blending with harps and lute and psaltery.
By thy pearly gates in wonder
we stand, and swell the voice of thunder,
in burst choral melody: Hallelujah!

No vision ever brought, no ear hath ever caught,
such bliss and joy: We raise the song, we swell the throng,
to praise thee ages all along, Hallelujah!
To praise thee ages all along.

Narration

These are the signs that you will see to let you know that it is he: in manger-bed, in swaddling clothes the child who all the earth upholds.

– Martin Luther, “Vom Himmel Hoch”

Veni Immanuel ................................................................. Philip Sparke
Love will come, as a light in the darkness!
Love will explode in the Bethlehem sky.
See, the angels have come to proclaim it.
Hear their song of joy arise!
Love will be born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Glory to God on high!

– Ken Bible, "Love Has Come"

People, Look East.........................................................Craig Courtney

People, look East, the time is near of the crowning of the year,
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today. Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen, he for fledging time has chosen.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today. Love the Lord, is on the way.
**ADVENT DIALOGUE (PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY)**

| Narrator: | God is love. And we are reflections of God’s love. In a hurried world with little time for others, Advent calls us to remember that … |
| Audience: | Love is patient. |
| Narrator: | In a world where often we become consumed by our own interests, Advent calls us to remember that … |
| Audience: | Love is kind. |
| Narrator: | In a world where often we are quick to anger and slow to forgive, Advent calls us to remember that … |
| Audience: | Love is not easily angered, and through love we come to forgive. |
| Narrator: | This Advent let us behold the love of God embodied in our Savior’s birth. |
| Audience: | God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in them. Let us rejoice and be glad. Amen. |

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice …………. arr. Joshua A. Evanovich ’07**

**AUDIENCE HYMN**

**Choirs Only:**

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Rejoice and sing today; Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

“Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save.”

**Audience:**

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forever more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

**INTERLUDE – AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND**

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**Choirs Only:**

*Rejoice!*

**AUDIENCE – PLEASE BE SEATED**
III. The Joy of All the Earth

Narration

In that region there were shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And an angel of the Lord said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be for all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find the babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.”

O Shepherds, Go Quickly ........................................Edwin R. Fissinger

O shepherds, O shepherds go fast through the night.
Go quickly, go quickly where starlight shines bright.
The Christ child to greet with songs of great joy,
To Bethlehem to praise him, the babe in the stall.

Oh run, you shepherds, all together,
and take your shawms and flutes with you!
Run with a joyful noise to Bethlehem,
to the manager in the stable!

O shepherds, O shepherds go fast through the night.
Go quickly, go quickly where starlight shines bright.
The Christ child to greet with songs of great joy,
To Bethlehem to praise him, the babe in the stall.

Narration

Now let us all with joyful cheer go with the shepherds and draw near to see this wondrous gift of God, the blessed child to us bestowed.

– Martin Luther, “Vom Himmel Hoch”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all people.”

Gloria in Excelsis............................................Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
(from Mass in B Minor, BWV 232)

Glory to God in the highest!

Narration

Rejoice this holy night, for Christ’s light shines through the darkness of our world. Let our hearts be filled with the joy of the angels’ voices as they proclaim “Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!” Come, let us all hail the star where hope is burning and love is yearning. Come, let us dwell in the house of love forever.
All My Heart, All This Night Rejoices...................... Z. Randall Stroope
text by Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

All my heart, all this night rejoices,
as I hear far and near sweetest angel voices,  
“Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!”
All the air, and ev’rywhere, “Gloria!”

Come, let us all both great and small sing “Gloria!”
Hail the star where hope is burning, “Gloria!”
Love who with love is yearning, ever yearning, “Gloria! Gloria!”

All my heart this night rejoices.

Come and dwell in glory forever and ever.
Far on high in joy that all can alter never.
Dwell in the house forever, ever and ever, gloria! Gloria!

All my heart this night rejoices.

Narration

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. And all went to be enrolled, everyone to their own cities. And Joseph went with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. And while they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing........................................... Dan Forrest

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing! “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel,
Hark! the herald angels sing! “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing! “Glory to the newborn King!”

Toccata on ANTIOCH....................................................... Craig Phillips
Narration

To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild; this newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.

– Martin Luther, “Vom Himmel Hoch”

Cradle Hymn .......................................................... Kim André Arnesen

Hush my dear, lie still and slumber, holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.

See the kindly shepherds round him, telling wonders from the sky!
When they sought him, there they found him, with his virgin mother by.

See the lovely babe a-dressing; lovely infant, how he smiled!
When he wept, the mother’s blessing soothed and hush’d the holy child.

May’st thou live to know and fear him, trust and love him all thy days;
then go dwell forever near him, see his face, and sing his praise!

Narration

When the angels had left the shepherds, and gone into heaven, they said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.
When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Eighth Candle ....................................................... Steve Reisteter

Narration

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother.
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.

– Ken Bible, “Love Has Come”
IV. Carols for the Christ Child

Away in a Manger
O Come, Little Children
Little Drummer Boy
In the Bleak Midwinter

Narration

Now your manger, shining bright, hallows dark with newborn light. Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin’s son, incarnate word!
To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally!

— Ambrose of Milan (tr. Martin Luther), “Savior of the Nations, Come”

Joy to the World........................................ arr. Joshua A. Evanovich ’07

AUDIENCE HYMN

Audience:
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

INTERLUDE – AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders, of his love.

Choirs only:
The wonders of his love!

AUDIENCE – PLEASE BE SEATED
Narration

There are some of us who think to ourselves, “If I had only been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby. I would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!” Then, why don’t we do it now? We have Christ in our neighbor. You ought to serve them, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord himself.

– Martin Luther, “Christmas Sermon”

Welcome to earth, O noble guest, through whom this sinful world is blest! You turned not from our needs away; how can our thanks such love repay?

– Martin Luther, “Vom Himmel Hoch”

Sussex Carol ...............................................................arr. Bob Chilcott

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.

Then why should all on earth be so sad, since our redeemer made us glad? When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place; angels and all with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: “Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore, Amen.”

Narration

Behold the Christ child, lying in the lap of his young mother. Look upon this Lord of peace and your spirit will be at peace. See the child, knowing nothing yet all the world belongs to him. This is the child in which you can take refuge. Trust in him! Here is the child in whom is salvation. He overcomes the power of sin, death, hell, conscience and guilt. He has come, not to judge you, but to save you. O sweet child, O sweet joy!

– Martin Luther, “Christmas Sermon”
In Dulci Jubilo .......................................................... Matthew Culloton

In dulci jubilo (In sweet joy), let us our homage show,
Our heart's joy reclineth in praesepio (in a manger),
and like a bright star shineth, matris in gremio (in your mother’s lap).
Alpha es et O (Beginning and ending). O Jesu parvule (O infant Jesus)! I yearn for thee always!
Hear me, I beseech thee, O Puer optime (O best of boys)!
My pray'r let it reach thee, O Princeps gloriarum (O Prince of glory);
trahe me post te (draw me after you).
O Patris caritas (O love of the Father)! O Nati lenitas (O mercy of the Son)!
Deeply were we stained, per nostra criminal (through our sins);
but thou hast for us gained coelorum gaudia (the joys of heaven)!
O that we were there!
Ubi sunt gaudia (Where are joys), where, if they be not there?
There are angels singing nova cantica (new songs)!
And there the bells are ringing in regis curia (in the King’s courts).
O that we were there, in dulci jubilo (in sweet joy)!

Narration

Jesus stands at the door knocking. He comes in the form of a beggar, of a dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet. Christ walks the earth as your neighbor, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, and makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us.

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas”

One Sweet Little Baby................................................. Shawn Kirchner

Oh Mary, shining glory! The Lord smiles upon you.
What a blessing is this little baby that you brought to our world,
Oh, all for the love of one sweet little baby,
All for the love of one sweet baby child,
All for the love of one sweet little baby, we have come so far.

Oh, a good old man named Simeon said,
“I’m never gonna rest till I see that Messiah child and hold him to my breast.”
Oh, all for the love of one sweet little baby,
All for the love of one sweet baby child,
all for the love of one sweet little baby, we have come so far.

Many gonna speak against you, child, they’ll crucify all that’s true.
And your mother Mary she will bear
a pain that will pierce her heart through,
Oh, all for the love of one sweet little baby,
All for the love of one sweet baby child,
all for the love of one sweet, little baby, we have come so far.
Oh Jerusalem, your children are so tired of war.
My Lord, it’s time to walk with your children once more.
All for the love of one sweet little baby,
All for the love of one sweet baby child,
all for the love of one sweet, little baby, we have come so far.
All for the love of a sweet little baby.

Narration

Behold, ye people: the story unfolds from ancient time to the world today, centered on one who was born to die, that we with softened hearts might say:

“Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child, prepare a bed soft, undefiled, a quiet chamber in my heart, that you and I may never part.”

– Martin Luther, “Vom Himmel Hoch”

And the Lord God made for Adam and Eve garments of skins and clothed them. I will put enmity between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head…

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!”

The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.

By his wounds, we are healed!
Behold, ye people: the story unfolds from ancient time to the world today, centered on one who was born to die, that we with softened hearts might say:

“Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child, here in my poor heart’s inmost shrine, make thee a bed, soft, undefiled, that I may evermore be thine.

You humbled yourself, from heaven came down to live, to serve as the promised Lamb. Who prophets of old had in darkness foretold: a perfect redemption, fulfilling God’s plan.”

So now, we all with gratitude sing, our hearts for very joy do leap, our hands compelled by grace to serve, our lips no more can silence keep.

Glory to God, who gave us his son, to offer the world a wondrous rebirth! As chorus of angels sing heaven’s song, we extol the king, who came to earth:

Worthy is the Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

You are worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and might, forever and ever!
Narration

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.
Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all, love incarnate, love divine.

– Christina Rossetti, "Love Came Down at Christmas"

†From Heaven Above.................................................................. Martin Luther
arr. Joshua A. Evanovich ’07

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Narration

Jesus said, "The light will be with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light."

† World premiere performance
Night of Silence .............................................................. Daniel Kantor
arr. John Ferguson & Joshua A. Evanovich ’07

**Narration**

Almighty God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Cold are the people, winter of life,
we tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
flowers that will echo the sunrise,
fire of hope is our only warmth,
weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,
on wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,
gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
rumors of a dawn so embracing,
breathless love awaits darkened souls,
soon will we know of the morning.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, alles schläft; einsam wacht
nur das traute hoch heilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
rising in the warmth of your son’s love,
star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit we wait for your loving son.

(PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING THE LAST VERSE)

Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in Heavenly peace, sleep in Heavenly peace.

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(TO GOD ALONE THE GLORY)
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