On this day earth shall ring Hymnal 1982 no. 92

Melody: Personent hodie 6 6 6. 6 6. with refrain



On this day earth shall ring

with the song children sing

to the Lord, Christ our King,

born on earth to save us;

him the Father gave us.

*(Refrain:)* Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,

Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth;

when he came down to earth

Bethlehem saw his birth;

ox and ass beside him

from the cold would hide him.

*(Refrain)*

God’s bright star, o’er his head,

Wise Men three to him led;

kneel they low by his bed,

lay their gifts before him,

praise him and adore him.

*(Refrain)*

On this day angels sing;

with their song earth shall ring,

praising Christ, heaven’s King,

born on earth to save us;

peace and love he gave us.

*(Refrain)*

Words: From *Piae Cantiones*, 1582, translated by Jane Marian Joseph (1894-1929)

Music: Melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582, harmonised by Gustav Holst (1874-1934)