

Unto Us a Child Is Born

An Early American Christmas Anthem

Isaiah, Chapter 9

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The musical score is arranged in five staves. The top four staves are for voices: Treble, Counter, Tenor, and Bass. The fifth staff is for a Trumpet (Tr). The music is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Un - to us a child is born, un - to us a son is giv'n, and the". The Tenor part begins with the lyrics "Un - to us a son is giv'n,". The Bass part begins with the lyrics "Un - to us a child is born,". The Tr part begins with the lyrics "Un - to us a child is born, un - to us a son is giv'n, and the". The Counter part begins with the lyrics "Un - to us a son is giv'n, and the". The Treble part begins with the lyrics "un - to us a son is giv'n, and the".

In early American performance practice, most female voices sang the Treble part. Boys, and some lower female voices, sang Counter. Higher adult male voices sang Tenor, and lower adult male voices sang Bass. Though anthems were often sung *a cappella*, instruments may be used to double voice parts: flute or violin on Treble, flute or clarinet on Counter, clarinet or viola on Tenor, and cello or bassoon on Bass.

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Tr
gov - ern-ment shall be u - pon his shoul-ders. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. Un - to us a child is born,

C
gov - ern-ment shall be u - pon his shoul-ders. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

T
gov - ern-ment shall be u - pon his shoul-ders. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

B
gov - ern-ment shall be u - pon his shoul-ders. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Tr
— un - to us a son is_ giv'n, and his name shall be cal - led Won - der -

C
Un - to us a son is giv'n, and his name shall be cal-led Won-der -

T
Un - to us a son is giv'n, and his name___ shall be cal - led___ Won-der-ful, Won - der -

B
Un - to us a son is giv'n, and his name___ shall be cal - led Won-der-ful, Won - der -

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Tr
ful, Coun - se - lor, the might-y, might - y, might - y God, the e - ver - las - ting

C
ful, the e - ver - las - ting

T
ful, the e - ver - las - ting

B
ful, the might-y, might - y,___ might - y God, the e - ver - las - ting

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Tr
Fa - ther, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the Prince of Peace. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

C
Fa - ther, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the Prince of Peace. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

T
Fa - ther, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the Prince of Peace. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

B
Fa - ther, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the Prince of Peace. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Tr
Of the in - crease of his gov - ern - ment, his gov - ern - ment, his gov - ern - ment and peace there shall be no end.

B
Of the in - crease of his gov - ern - ment and peace, of his gov - ern - ment and peace there shall be no end.

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Tr
U - pon the throne of Da - vid and u - pon his king - dom to or - der it and to es - tab - lish it,

T
U - pon the throne of Da - vid and u - pon his king - dom

B
U - pon the throne of Da - vid and u - pon his king - dom to or - der it and to es - tab - lish it,

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Tr
The zeal of the Lord ____ of

T
with judg - ment and jus - tice from hence - forth e - ven for - e - ver.

B
with judg - ment and jus - tice from hence - forth e - ven for - e - ver. The zeal of the Lord ____ of

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Tr Hosts will per - form _____ this. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And his

C _____ Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

T _____ Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And his name _____ shall be

B Hosts will per - form _____ this. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And his name _____ shall be

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Tr name shall be cal - led Won - der - ful, Coun - se - lor, the might - y, might - y, might - y

C _____ And his name shall be cal - led Won - der - ful,

T cal - led _____ Won - der - ful, Won - der - ful,

B cal - led Won - der - ful, Won - der - ful, the might - y, might - y, _____ might - y

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Tr God, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the Prince of Peace. _____

C _____ the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the Prince of Peace. _____

T _____ the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the Prince of Peace. _____

B God, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the e - ver - las - ting Fa - ther, the Prince of Peace. _____