

CANON from Welcome Ode

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Allegro
f ♩ = 88

SOPRANO
This is a day, in days of yore, Our fa-thers ne-ver saw be-fore; This is a day; tis

ALTO
This is a day, in days of yore, Our fa-thers ne-ver saw be-fore; This is a day; tis

BASS
This is a day, in days of yore, Our fa-thers ne-ver saw be-fore; This is a day; tis

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f sust.

one to ten our sons will ne-ver see ag-ain. Then sing the day, And sing the song, And

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f sust.

one to ten our sons will ne-ver see ag-ain. Then sing the day, And sing the song, And

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p *mf*

thus be_ mer-ry All day long. This is the day, And that's the night, When the

p *mf*

thus be_ mer-ry All day long. This is the day, And

p *mf*

thus be_ mer-ry All day long. This is the day, And

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sun shall be gay, The moon shall be bright. This is the day, And

mf

This is the day, And that's the night, When the sun shall be gay, The

that's the night, When the sun shall be gay, The moon shall be bright.

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that's the night, when the sun shall be gay, The moon shall be bright.

moon shall be bright. This is the day, And that's the night, When the

This is the day and that's the night, When the sun shall be gay, The

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f cresc.

The sun shall rise All in the skies: The moon, the

sun shall be gay, The moon shall be bright. *f cresc.* The sun shall rise All

moon shall be bright. *f cresc.* The sun shall rise All in the skies, the

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moon shall go all down, all down be- low.____ Then sing the day, And sing the song, And
 in the skies, The moon be - low.____ Then sing the day, And sing the song, And
 moon all down be - low.____ Then sing the day, And sing the song, And

ff *ff* *ff*

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thus be_ mer-ry, mer-ry, mer-ry All____ day
 thus be_ mer-ry, mer-ry, mer-ry All____ day
 thus be mer-ry, mer-ry, mer-ry All____ day

ff sust. *ff sust.* *ff sust.*

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long, All____ day long, All day, long.
 long, All____ day long, All day long.
 long, All____ day long, All day long.

ff *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*