

# The Lord, he comes, he comes to bless

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and anon.

Anon.  
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[Air]  $\text{♩} = 140$

1. The Lord he comes, he comes to bless The na - tions as their  
 2. *Blest be the Lord who comes to men With mes - sa - ges of*  
 3. Join, earth-ly choirs, to ce - le - brate The birth of Christ our  
 4. With *Hal - le - lu - jahs* sound his praise! Em - ploy your high - est

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S  
 God, To show the world his right - eous - ness, And send his truth a - broad, And  
*grace; Who comes in God the Fa - ther's name, To save a sin - ful race! To*  
 King: Glad ho-mage pay to him who doth Our great sal - va - tion bring, Our  
*skill. From heav'n be peace to men on earth, And un - to all good-will, And*

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send his truth a - broad, And send, And send his truth a - broad,  
save a sin - ful race! To save, To save a sin - ful race!  
great sal - va - tion bring, Our great, Our great sal - va - tion bring.  
un - to all good - will, And un - to, un - to all good - will!

A  
broad, And send his truth a - broad, And send his truth a - broad.  
race! To save a sin - ful race! To save a sin - ful race!  
bring, Our great sal - va - tion bring, Our great sal - va - tion bring.  
will, And un - to all good - will, And un - to all good - will!

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Pickard-Cambridge adds the following note: "Verses 1 and 2 from Isaac Watts' 'Psalms of David' (1719) from Ps 96 and Ps 118, part 4 respectively. Verses 3 and 4 appear in one manuscript book as the start of a different carol." While the reference to Watts' Ps 118 is correct, his Ps 96 paraphrase is in a different metre and does not include the text of verse 1. Neither verses 3 nor 4 appear in Watts. The symphony from bar 20 appears to have been somewhat adapted for keyboard use by Pickard-Cambridge. Some of the the part writing here is conjectural. Emendation: Bar 8 tenor note 1; g.