

# What words, what voices can we bring?

Traditional Dorsetshire Carol

William Knapp (1698-1768)

1. What words, what voi - ces can we bring? Which  
2. What earth - ly har - mo - ny can reach Up  
3. Lo! Heaven this day des - cends to earth, Th' Im -  
4. In swad - dling bands the God - head lies To  
5. Long let the u - ni - ver - sal frame The

1. way our ac - cents raise, To wel - come the mys -  
2. to a theme so high, When an - gels ne'er could  
3. mor - tal mor - tal grows, Made man by this stu -  
4. hu - man flesh de - based, That we, his dear - ly  
5. great Re - deem - er sing, And men and an - gels

1. ter - ious King, And sing - ing, and sing - ,ing  
2. soar that pitch, Who dwell a - bove the sky,  
3. pen - dous birth To quell our dead - ly foe,  
4. ran - somed prize Might be to glo - ry raised,  
5. at the Name Bow to the mys - tic King,

1. and sing - ing a Sa - viour's praise.  
 2. who dwell a - bove the - sky?  
 3. to quell our dead - ly foe.  
 4. might be to glo - ry raised.  
 5. bow to the mys - tic King.

6. Redemption be the general sound,  
 This day no grief appear,  
 From earth to heaven the notes rebound,  
 And mercy smiled to hear.
7. Oh! 'tis too little all we can  
 For this unbounded love,  
 All that was ever writ by man,  
 Or sung in hymns above.
8. But though we can't fit language find,  
 We praise, believe, adore,  
 With joyful hearts, and souls resigned,  
 And wish we could do more.