En clara vox redarguit

Hark! A Herald Voice Is Sounding

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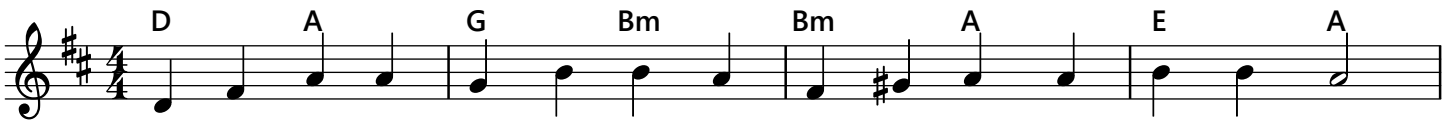
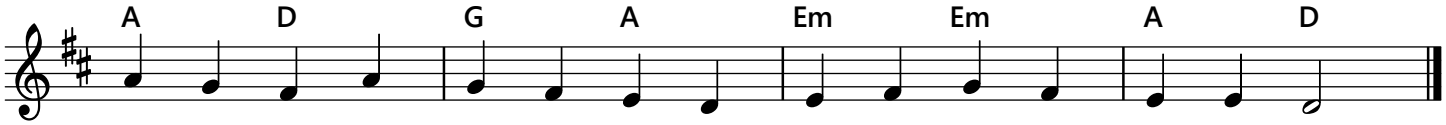


1. Hark! a her - ald voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh!" it seems to say;
2. Star - tled by the sol - emn warn - ing, let the earth - bound soul a - rise;
3. Lo! the Lamb so long ex - pect - ed comes with par - don down from heav'n;
4. So when next he comes with glo - ry, shroud - ing all the earth in fear,
5. Hon - our, glo - ry, vir - tue, mer - it, to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1. "Cast a - way the dreams of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day!"
2. Christ her sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3. let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - giv'n.
4. may he then as our de - fend - er on the clouds of heav'n ap - pear.
5. with the co - e - ter - nal Spir - it while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

Inspiration: "Vox clara ecce intonat", Latin, 5th or 6th century; altered by Pope Urban VIII to "En clara vox redarguit" in 1631.
Lyrics: 87.87; Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, in his "Lyra Catholica", 1849, as "Hark! An Awful Voice Is Sounding"; this version from "The New Living Parish Hymn Book", 1987.
Music: MERTON; William Henry Monk, 1823-1889, in "The Parish Choir", 1850.