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About This Hymn Collection

Just Hymns for Christmas: Volume Two is a collection of ten hymn arrangements for the late beginner musician. Volume Two includes these popular hymns: “Once in Royal David’s City,” “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,” “Brightest and Best,” “Good Christian Men, Rejoice,” “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks,” “Go, Tell it on the Mountain,” “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen,” “What Child is This?,” “Who is This so Weak and Helpless” and “Saviour of the Nations, Come”.

Features of the Piano Arrangements

- Enlarged music score – two pages per hymn
- Verse one of hymn, additional marks including introduction, refrain, playing both hands up one octave and final “Amen” ending
- Measure numbers (circled) at the beginning of each music score line
- Finger number recommendations above or below notes for both hands
- Arrows above or below finger numbers alert students of changing finger positions

The *Just Hymns for Christmas* book series only include piano arrangements. Our other book series, *Favorite Christmas Hymns for Kids*, also includes hymn worksheets, rhythm worksheets, and hymn and rhythm worksheet answer keys.

Music Recordings

An MP3 audio file for each hymn arrangement in this collection is available on our website at PraiseNotes.com. The audio files are found under the menu Store/Books/Just Hymns.

Hymns for Kids: Learn How to Read and Enjoy Christian Hymns

The book *Hymns for Kids: Learn How to Read and Enjoy Christian Hymns (Psalms and Praise Choruses, Too!)* includes a brief history of hymns and their purpose, and explains how to read a hymn – what is a hymn name, tune name, hymn meter and many other concepts. Though written for children, it is appropriate for anyone interested in further study of hymns.

Once in Royal David's City

Hymn Tune: Irby

Meter: 8.7.8.7.7.7

Lyrics by: Cecil Francis Alexander, 1848

Music by: Henry J. Gauntlett

Play 2nd time up one octave - both hands

1

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y

3

Stood a low ly eat - tle shed,

5

Where a moth - er laid her ba - by

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In a man - ger for his bed:

1 2 1 5 1

Start Introduction

9

Mar - y was that moth - er mild,

2 3 4 5

Final Ending

11

Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. A - MEN.

2 3 2 3 2 3 5 5

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Tune Name: In Dulci Jubilo

Meter: 6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5

14th century melody

Translated by: John Mason Neale, 1853

Play 2nd time up one octave - both hands

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, With
heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Je - sus Christ is born to - day;

1 2 3 4 5 4
3 1 3 1

5 1 2 3 4
3 1

9 4 4 3 2 1 2
3 4 5 3

13 3 4 3 2 1 2
2 1 3 5

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

17

4 5 4 3 2 1 2

Earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, And

3 4 5 3

21

3 4 3 2 3 4

he is in the man ger now.

2 1 3 5

25

1 2 1 5 3

Christ is born to - day! Christ is

2 1 3 1

Start Introduction

30

2 1 1 1

born to - day! A - MEN.

2 3 2 3 5

Final Ending