

Radiant Seraph

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E Major
Oliver Holden, 1800

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with four staves: Treble, Counter, Tenor, and Bass. The key signature is E Major (three sharps) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the Tenor staff. The first system covers measures 1-8, the second system covers measures 9-16, and the third system covers measures 17-24. Measure numbers 5, 10, and 15 are indicated above the Treble staff in each system respectively.

1. Say, ra - diant se - raph, throned in light, Did love e'er tower to such a
height, Or glo - ry sink so low? This won - der an - gels scarce de - clare,
An - gels the rap - ture scarce can bear, Or e - qual thanks be - stow.

2. O sight of anguish! view it near,
What weeping innocence is here,
A manger for his bed!
The brutes yield refuge to his woe,
Men the worst brutes no pity show,
Nor give him friendly aid.

3. Why do no rapid thunders roll?
Why do no tempests rock the pole?
O miracle of grace!
Or why no angels on the wing,
Warm for the honors of their King,
To punish all the race?

4. Though now an infant bathed in tears,
He called to form the rolling spheres;
And seraphs owned his nod.
Helpless he calls, but men delay;
And guilty sinners disobey
The earth-born Son of God.

5. Redemption! 'tis a boundless theme!
Thou boundless mind, our hearts inflame
With ardor from above.
Words are but faint, let joy express;
Vain is mere joy, let actions bless
This prodigy of love.