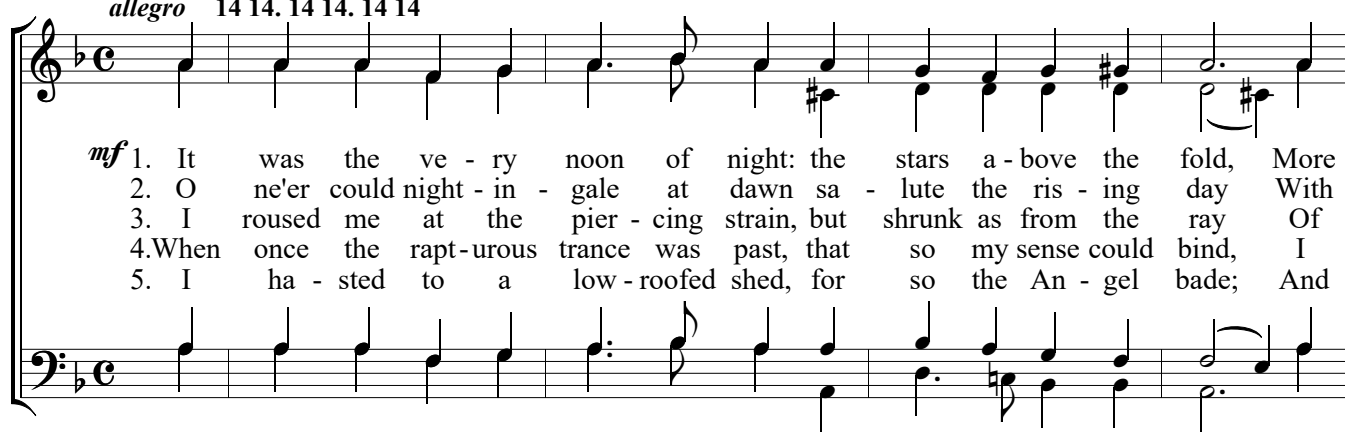


Edward Churton
(1800-74)

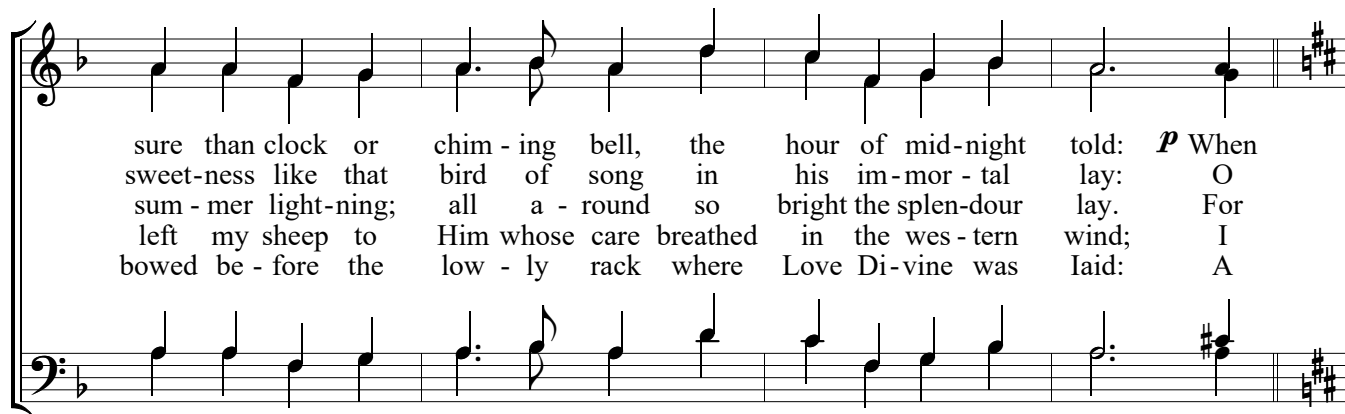
It was the very noon of night

Joseph Barnby
(1838-96)

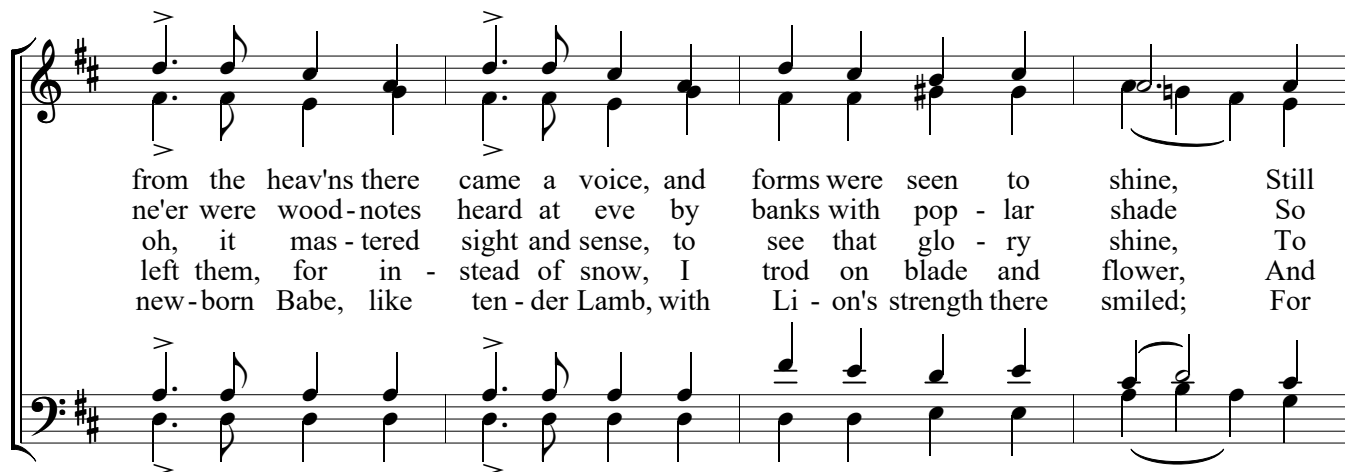
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mf 1. It was the ve - ry noon of night: the stars a - bove the fold, More
2. O ne'er could night - in - gale at dawn sa - lute the ris - ing day With
3. I roused me at the pier - cing strain, but shrunk as from the ray Of
4. When once the rapt - urous trance was past, that so my sense could bind, I
5. I ha - sted to a low - roofed shed, for so the An - gel bade; And



sure than clock or chim - ing bell, the hour of mid - night told: *p* When
sweet - ness like that bird of song in his im - mor - tal lay: O
sum - mer light - ning; all a - round so bright the splen - dour lay. For
left my sheep to Him whose care breathed in the wes - tern wind; I
bowed be - fore the low - ly rack where Love Di - vine was laid: A



from the heav'ns there came a voice, and forms were seen to shine, Still
ne'er were wood - notes heard at eve by banks with pop - lar shade So
oh, it mas - tered sight and sense, to see that glo - ry shine, To
left them, for in - stead of snow, I trod on blade and flower, And
new - born Babe, like ten - der Lamb, with Li - on's strength there smiled; For

bright-'ning as the mu - sic rose with light and love di - vine. With
 thril - ling as the con - cert sweet by heaven - ly harp - ings made; For
 hear that min - strel in the clouds, who sang of Love Di - vine, To
 ice dis - solved in star - ry rays at morn - ing's gra - cious hour, Re -
 Li - on's strength, im - mor - tal might, was in that new - born Child; That

love di - vine, the song be - gan; there shone a light se - rene:
 love di - vine was in each chord, and fill'd each pause be - tween: *f* O
 see that form with bird - like wings, of more than mor - tal mien: *f* O
 veal - ing where on earth the steps of Love Di - vine had been;
 Love Di - vine in child - like form had God for e - ver been:

who hath heard what I have heard, or seen what I have seen, *ff* O

who hath heard what I have heard, or seen what I have seen?