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A SOUND OF ANGELS

(A Christmas song)

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Christopher Tye (c.1500-1573), Mus. D., lay clerk of King's College, Cambridge, was appointed Master of Choristers at Ely Cathedral in 1541, a position which he held till 1561 when he was appointed Rector of Doddington, having entered on Holy Orders in the previous year. He composed much fine music for the Roman rite, but his true importance lies in the formative influence he exercised on the music of the reformed liturgy. His only work published in his lifetime was *The Actes of the Apostles, translated into Englyshe Metre*, of which two editions appeared in 1553. Only the first fourteen chapters were printed, each having a setting for four voices. Tye's verses are deplorable doggerel, but much of the music to them is so excellent that alternative words have several times been supplied, and it is in the hope that the charming setting to Chapter VI of the *Actes* may be more widely known that this new edition has been made.

W. M. A.

Con moto

SOPRANO
A sound of an - gels from a - far Fills all the qui - et

ALTO
A sound of an - gels from a - far Fills all the qui - et

TENOR
A sound of an - gels from a - far Fills all the qui - et

BASS
A sound of an - gels from a - far Fills all the qui - et

Con moto

For practice only

air, And Ah! how full of glad-ness are The ti-dings that they

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air, And Ah! how full of glad-ness are The ti - dings that they

bear. The shep-herds run to Beth-lem town To see a won-drous
Christ is born, our heav'n-ly king, Sal-va-tion now is

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sight— The Lord of Lords, the Lord of Lords to earth come
nigh, So all man-kind, so all man-kind with an - gels

sight— The Lord of Lords, the Lord of
nigh, So all man - kind, so all man -

sight— The Lord of Lords, the Lord of Lords to earth come down, to...
nigh, So all man - kind, so all man-kind with an - gels sing, with.

sight— The Lord of Lords, the Lord of Lords to
nigh, So all man - kind, so all man-kind with

down Is born for men to - night. Yea, high.
sing Glo - ry to God on

Lords to earth... come down Is born to - night. Yea, high.
-kind with an - gels sing to God on

earth come down Is born for men to - night. Yea, high.
an - gels sing Glo - ry to God on

earth. come down Is born for men to - night. Yea, high.
an - gels sing Glo - ry to God on