

WHAT SWEETER MUSIC

68a

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

Philip WJ Stopford

Sweetly $\text{♩} = 72$ *mp*

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

What sweet - er mu - sic can we bring -

What weat - er mu - sic can we bring —

5

Than a car - ol for to sing The birth of this our heav'n - ly King?

— Than a car - ol for to sing The birth of this our heav'n - ly King?

8

9

A - wake the voice! a - wake the string!

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mf

Dark and dull night fly

mf

Dark and dull night fly

12

hence a - way! And give the hon - our to this day ____ That sees De -

15

cem - ber turn'd to May, That sees De - cem - ber turn'd to May.

19

mf

mf

Why does the chill - ing win - ter's morn Smile like a field be -

22 *mf*

set with corn? Or smell like a mead-ow new - ly shorn Thus on the

set with corn? Or smell like a mead-ow new - ly shorn Thus on the

Thus on the

Thus on the

25

sud - den? Come and see The cause why things thus fra - grant be:

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sud - den? Come and see The cause why things thus fra - grant be:_____

29 *mp*

'Tis He is born, whose quick - 'ning birth Gives life and

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'Tis He is born, whose quick - 'ning birth Gives life and

32 *mf*

lus - tre, pub - lic mirth, To heav - en and the un - der - earth.

mf

lus - tre, pub - lic mirth, To heav - en and the un - der - earth.

mf

8 lus - tre, pub - lic mirth, To heav - en and the un - der - earth.

mf

lus - tre, pub - lic mirth, To heav - en and the un - der - earth.

36 *mp*

We see Him come and know Him ours, _____

mp

We see Him come and _____ know Him ours, _____

mp

8 We see Him come and know Him ours, _____

mp

We see Him come and know Him ours, _____

39 *mf*

Who with his sun - shine and his show'rs Turns all the pa - tient

mf

Who with his sun - shine and his show'rs Turns all the pa - tient

mf

8 Who with his sun - shine and his show'rs Turns all the pa - tient -

mf

Who with his sun - shine and his show'rs Turns all the pa - tient

42

ground to flow'rs, Turns all the pa-tient ground to flow'rs. The dar-ling of the

ground to flow'rs, Turns all the pa-tient ground to flow'rs. The dar-ling of the

ground to flow'rs, Turns all the pa-tient ground to flow'rs. The dar-ling of the

ground to flow'rs, Turns all the pa-tient ground to flow'rs. The dar-ling of the

46

world is come, And fit it is we find a room To

world is come, And fit it is we find a room, find a room To

world is come, And fit it is we find a room, find a room To

world is come, And fit it is we find a room To

49

wel-come Him, to wel-come Him, to wel-come Him

wel-come Him, to wel-come Him, to wel-come Him

wel-come Him, to wel-come Him. The

wel-come Him, to wel-come Him. The

53 *mf* Which we will

mf Which we will

no - bler part Of all the house here is the heart, will

no - bler part Of all the house ere is the heart, will

56 give Him; and be - queath This hol - ly and this l - vy

give Him; and be - queath This hol - ly and this l - vy

give Him; and be - queath This hol - ly and this i - vy

give Him; and be - queath This hol - ly and this i - vy

60 *mp* *cresc.* wreath To do Him hon - our, To do Him hon - our, To do Him

mp *cresc.* wreath To do Him hon - our, To do Him hon - our, To do Him

mp *cresc.* wreath To do Him hon - our, To do Him hon - our, To do Him

mp *cresc.* wreath To do Him hon - our, To do Him hon - our, To do Him

63

King And Lord of all this rev-el-ling.

hon-our, who's our King And Lord of all this rev-el-ling.

hon-our, who's our King And Lord of all this rev-el-ling.

hon-our, who's our King And Lord of all this rev-el-ling.

68

More relaxed
mp

What sweet-er mu-sic can we bring Than a car-ol for to sing The

What sweet-er mu-sic can we bring Than a car-ol for to sing The

What sweet-er mu-sic can we bring Than a car-ol for to sing The

What sweet-er mu-sic can we bring Than a car-ol for to sing The

72

birth of this our heav'n-ly King, Of this our heav'n-ly King?

birth of this our heav'n-ly King, of this our heav'n-ly King?

birth of this our heav'n-ly King, of this our heav'n-ly King? 1

birth of this our heav'n-ly King, of this our heav'n-ly King?