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Jesus

SATB a cappella

Philip Lawson

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## Philip Lawson

For 18 years Philip Lawson sang baritone with The King's Singers, replacing founder-member Simon Carrington in 1993. He took part in over 2,000 concerts and many choral workshops worldwide, as well as appearing on over 30 CDs and DVDs. For most of that time he was also the group's principal arranger, contributing more than 50 arrangements to the repertoire, including 10 for the 2008 CD "Simple Gifts" which went on to win the GRAMMY for Best Classical Crossover Album in 2009. Prior to this Philip was Director of Music at a school in Salisbury, England, and a lay clerk of the cathedral choir there, and before that a freelance singer in London, performing with all the major professional choirs, including the BBC Singers, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, The Sixteen, The Taverner Choir, The English Concert and many more.

Philip now composes and arranges, teaches singing at Bristol University and a school in Salisbury, and conducts two chamber choirs in Salisbury and Romsey.

For J. Scott Ferguson and the Illinois Wesleyan University Collegiate Choir

# Christmas Bringeth Jesus

SATB a cappella

Christina Rossetti (1830- 1894)

Philip Lawson (b. 1837)

**Tempo rubato** ♩ = 48  
*mp*

Soprano  
Christ - mas\_ hath a dark - ness Bright - er than the blaz - ing noon.

Alto  
Christ - mas\_ hath a dark - ness Bright - er than the blaz - ing noon.

Tenor  
Christ - mas\_ hath a dark - ness Bright - er than the blaz - ing noon.

Bass  
Christ - mas\_ hath a dark - ness Bright - er than the blaz - ing noon.

**Tempo rubato** ♩ = 48  
*mp*

For  
rel  
only

5

Christ-mas hath a chill-ness Warm - er than the heat of June.

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Christ-mas hath a beau - ty Love - lier than the world can ten.

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Christ-mas hath a beau - ty Love - lier than the world can ten.

*p*

show: For Christ-mas\_ bring-eth Je-sus,\_ brought for us so

*p*

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*p*

show: For Christ-mas\_ bring-eth Je-sus,\_ brought for us

*p*

show: For Christ-mas\_ bring-eth Je-sus,\_ broug for us so

*f*

low. Earth strike up your mu - sic, strike up your mu -

*f*

low. Earth, e up your mu - sic, strike up your mu

*f*

y. Earth, strike up your mu - sic, strike up

*f*

low. Earth, strike up your mu - sic, strike

$\text{♩} = 116$

23

- sic, \_\_\_\_\_ Birds that sing\_ and bells that ring, —

- sic, \_\_\_\_\_ Birds that sing\_ and bells that ring, —

your mu - sic, \_\_\_\_\_ Birds that sing\_ and bells that ring, —

up your mu - sic, \_\_\_\_\_ Birds that sing\_ and bells that ring, —

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*mf* Birds that sing\_ and bells that ring, — *f* Heaven hath an-sw'ring mu -

*mf* Birds that sing\_ and bells that ring, — *f* Heaven hath \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* Birds that sing\_ and bells that ring, — *f* Heaven hath an-sw'ring mu -

*mf* Birds that sing\_ and bells that ring, — *f* Heaven hath \_\_\_\_\_

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- sic For all an - gels soon to sing:  
 an - sw'ring mu - sic For all an - gels soon to sing:  
 - sic For all an - gels soon to sing:  
 an - sw'ring mu - sic For all an - gels soon to sing:

**ff** **Maestoso** ♩ = 104

37 *div.*

Earth put on your whit-est Bri - dal robe of spot - less snow: For  
 Earth put on your whit-est Bri - dal robe of spot - less snow: For  
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**ff** **Maestoso** ♩ = 104

43 **Tempo primo**

Christ - mas\_ bring-eth Je - sus, Christ - mas\_ bring - eth

Christ - mas\_ bring-eth Je - sus, Christ - mas\_ bring - eth

Christ - mas\_ bring-eth Je - sus, Christ - mas\_ bring - eth

Christ - mas\_ bring-eth Je - sus, Christ - mas\_ bring - eth

**Tempo primo**

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Je - sus, brought for us so low.

Je - sus, brought for us so low.

Je - sus, brought for us so low.

Je - sus, brought for us so low.

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