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Rejoice and Be Merry

Austin C. Lovelace

Unison voices or SA and organ

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One of America's most distinguished church musicians, Austin Lovelace enjoyed a long career as author, conductor, organist, clinician, and composer. Dr. Lovelace published over 800 compositions in many genres and has established himself as a composer of great sensitivity to both text and choir. He directed church music programs in many parts of the country and gave workshops in almost every state. He wrote numerous articles for such magazines as *The Diapason*, *The Hymn*, *Choristers Guild Letters*, *Journal of Church Music*, and *The American Organist*. Dr. Lovelace held positions with the American Guild of Organists, The Hymn Society of America, and the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, among others. He earned his Doctor of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Lovelace, a long time friend of Paraclete Press, passed away on April 25, 2010.

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Old English Church-Gallery Book

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Joyfully but unhurried ♩ = c. 50

mf

S
A

Re - joice and be mer-ry in

mf

non legato

Acc.

mf

4

songs and in mirth! O praise our Re - deem-er, all mor-tals on earth! For

4

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this is the birth-day of Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion, His

10 **a tempo** *mf*

prais - es we'll sing! A *mf*

10 **a tempo non legato poco rit.** *mf*

13 **a tempo**

heav - en - ly vi - sion ap - peared in the sky; Vast num - bers of an - gels the

13 **a tempo**

16

shep-herds did spy, Pro-claim-ing the birth-day of Je-sus our King, Who

19

Broadly **A tempo**

brought us sal-va-tion, His prais-es we'll sing!

19

Broadly **A tempo** **legato**

22

Like-wise a bright star in the sky did ap-pear, Which

22

25

led the Wise Men from the east to draw near; They found the Mes-si - ah, sweet

28 **allargando** **Broadly**

Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion, His prais - es we'll sing!

31 **a tempo** **mf**

And when they were come they their

34

treasures unfold, And offered to Him myrrh and incense and gold. So

37

blessed forever be Jesus our King Who brought us salvation, His

40

poco rit. **Broadly** *rall.* **Broadly**

praises we'll sing, Who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing.

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