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Go, Go to Bethlehem!

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Treble voices, soprano solo
and piano

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The first ever winner of the ACDA Brock Student Composition Competition for his piece Flanders Fields, Aitken is sought after as both conductor and composer. He has been commissioned by organizations such as the American Guild of Organists, the State of Idaho, and the Boise Philharmonic Master Chorale. Aitken made his Carnegie Hall debut in 2010 conducting his major work, *And None Shall Be Afraid* with a choir of 200 and the New England Symphonic Ensemble.

A lifetime member of ACDA, Aitken has served at both Division and National levels, including the National Chair of Music in Worship. Dr. Aitken holds degrees from the University of Western Ontario, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and the University of Oklahoma.

Composed to the glory of God. First sung in December 1998 by the Chapel Choir of McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma; conducted by the composer.

Go, Go to Bethlehem!

*Chorus: Go, go to Bethlehem!
Tell all the nations, tell all the lands.
I'm sayin' Go, go to Bethlehem
'Cause Jesus Christ is born!*

*Shepherds in the field abiding
O'er their sheep at night.
Angels from the clouds descending
Tell them to take flight.*

*Wiseman bearing gifts of gold
And frankincense and myrrh.
To the manger (as we're told)
The small babe ne're did stir.*

*Chorus
Sleep, little baby, sleep.
Asleep in the hay
Come, come and praise the Son of God.
The Prince of Peace is lying there!
Chorus*

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Jaunty; dance-like ♩ = ♩ throughout

Piano



V1

V2

Go, go to Beth - le - hem! _____

Go, go to Beth - le - hem! _____



7

Tell all the na - tions, tell all the lands!_ I'm say - in' go, go to

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Beth - le - hem__ 'cause Je - sus Christ is born!

Beth - le - hem__ 'cause Je - sus Christ is born!

13

mf Shep - herds in the

mf Shep - herds in the

mf

16

fields__ at - tend - ing o'er their sheep at night.

fields__ at - tend - ing o'er their sheep at night.

3

3

19

An - gels from the clouds de - scend - ing, tell them to take

An - gels from the clouds de - scend - ing, tell them to take

22

flight. Wise-men bear - ing gifts of gold and

flight. Wise-men bear - ing gifts of gold and

25

frank - in - cence and myrrh. To the man - ger

frank - in - cence and myrrh. To the man - ger

28

(as we're told) the small babe ne're did stir.

(as we're told) the small babe ne're did stir.

31

f Go, go to Beth-le-hem! Tell all the na-tions,

f Go, go! Go to Beth-le-hem. Go, go!

f

34

tell all the lands. Go, go to Beth-le-hem 'cause

Tell all the lands. I'm say-in' go, go to Beth-le-hem 'cause

37 rit.

Je - sus Christ is, Je - sus Christ is, Je - sus Christ is

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus Christ is

40

born! born!

Slower, more reflective

mp

44 *mp* Soloist or small section

Sleep, lit-tle ba - by, sleep. A - sleep in the hay.

49

Come, come and praise the Son of God. The

52

accel.

Prince of Peace is lying there!

accel.

55

a tempo
Tutti *f*

Go, go to Beth - le - hem.

Go, go, go to Beth - le - hem.

a tempo
f

58

Tell all the na - tions, tell all the lands. — I'm say - in'

Go, go, — tell all the lands. — I'm say - in'

60

go, go to Beth - le-hem — 'cause Je - sus Christ is!

Go, go to Beth - le-hem — 'cause Je - sus Christ is!

63

Go, go, go, go, go to

Go, go to Beth - le-hem. — Tell all the na - tions,

66

Beth - le - hem. I'm say - in' Je - sus Christ, Je - sus
tell all the lands. I'm say - in' go, go to

68

Christ is born! 'Cause Je - sus Christ is born!
Beth - le-hem 'cause Je - sus Christ is born!

72

Yes, Je - sus Christ is born!
Yes, Je - sus Christ is born!

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