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The poem was originally written in 1986 without thought of music, but was given a melody later the same year and performed as a solo or duo song with guitar. The arrangement for full choir was made in 2004/5. This was first performed by the Allegri Singers, Kendal, in November 2010.

Jesus comes,
Closed in Mary's womb,
Bonded like the tomb
Until the forces of creation
Irresistably make room;
Erupt in life, and resurrection.

Jesus comes,
In church and book contained,
Religiously constrained
Until the Spirit's jubilation
Bursts upon the world untamed,
And shouts of life, and resurrection.

Jesus comes,
The unsuspected pearl
Hidden in every soul
Until the joyful revelation
When His beauty infuses all
With radiant life, and resurrection.

Jesus comes,
The light of God obscured
By sin and death's dark cloud
Until perpetual celebration
Sweeps away the temporal shroud,
And life needs no resurrection.

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2004/2005 (melody 1986)

$\text{♩} = 50$ *Expressively*

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

1. Je-sus comes,

Closed in Mar - y's womb; Bon-ded like the

tomb, Un - til the for - ces of cre - a - tion Ir - re -

sis - ti - bly make room; E - rupt in life and re - sur-rec - tion.

mp *mf* *f*

13

Re -

con-tained; Re -

mf In church and book con - tained; Re -

2. Je-sus comes, In church and book con - tained; Re -

16

li-gious-ly con - strained, Un - til the Spi - rit's ju - bi -

li-gious-ly con - strained, Un - til the Spi - rit's ju - bi -

li-gious-ly con - strained, Un - til the Spi - rit's ju - bi -

li-gious-ly con - strained, Un - til the Spi - rit's ju - bi -

19

la - tion Bursts up - on the world un - tamed; And

la - tion Bursts up - on the world un - tamed; And

la - tion Bursts up - on the world un - tamed; And

la - tion Bursts up - on the world un - tamed; And

22

shouts of life and re - sur-rec - tion *mp* The

shouts of life and re - sur-rec - tion *mp* 3. Je - sus comes, The

shouts of life and re - sur-rec - tion *mp* The

shouts of life and re - sur-rec - tion *mp* The

26

un - sus - pec - ted pearl, Hid - den in ev - ery

un - sus - pec - ted pearl, Hid - den in ev - ery

un - sus - pec - ted pearl, Hid - den in ev - ery

un - sus - pec - ted pearl, Hid - den in ev - ery

un - sus - pec - ted pearl, Hid - den in ev - ery

29

soul, Un - til the joy - ful rev - e - la - tion, When His

soul, Un - til the joy - ful rev - e - la - tion, When His

soul, joy - ful rev - e - la - tion, When His

soul, joy - ful rev - e - la - tion, When His

32

beau-ty'in - fu-ses all rad-iant life and re-sur-rec-tion.

beau-ty'in - fu-ses all rad-iant life and re-sur-rec-tion.

beau-ty'in - fu-ses all With rad-iant life and re-surrec-tion.

beau-ty'in - fu-ses all rad-iant life and re-sur-rec-tion.

37

mf 4. Je-sus comes, The light of God ob - scured

mf The light of God ob - scured

The light of God ob - scured, ob-scured *mp* By

The light of God ob - scured, ob-scured By

40

mp By sin and death's dark cloud, Un - til per - pe - tual ce - le -

mf Un - til per - pe - tual ce - le -

mp By sin and death's dark cloud, Un - til per - pe - tual ce - le -

mf sin and death's dark cloud, Un - til per - pe - tual ce - le -

sin and death's dark cloud, Un - til per - pe - tual ce - le -

43

bra - tion Sweeps a - way the tem - poral shroud,

bra - tion Sweeps, sweeps a - way the tem - poral shroud,

bra - tion Sweeps a - way the tem - poral shroud, And

bra - tion Sweeps, sweeps a - way the tem - poral shroud,

46

And *f* life needs no more re - sur - rec - tion; *mf* And *mp*

And *f* life needs no more re - sur - rec - tion;

life needs, And *f* life needs no more re - sur - rec - tion; *mf*

And *f* life needs no more re - sur - rec - tion;

50

life needs no more re - sur - rec - tion

mp no more re - sur - rec - tion

mp no more re - sur - rec - tion

mp no more re - sur - rec - tion