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Anon.

What melody is this I hear *What Melody* by William Eade of Redruth (d. 1864)

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[♩ = 76]

Soprano [Air]

p 1. What me - lo - dy _____ is this I hear, *f* With sounds_ of_ joy_ and
 2. **Hark how it sounds through - out the sky, On this aus - pi - cious**
 3. A glo - rious troop_ of an - gels fair, Ap - pear_ in_ yon - der
 4. Now glo - ry to_ the new - born Son, And prais - ed_ be_ his

Alto

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Tenor

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Bass

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This carol is known by a number of different names in Cornwall : Bolingey, Mount Zion, St Day, and What Melody. It is ususally sung to Nahum Tate's well-known text of 1700, While Shepherds watch'd their Flocks by Night. However, William Eade set it to the Cornish carol " What melody is this I hear".

The text is anonymous, and was first published in *A Selection of Carols, Pieces, and Anthems, suitable for Christmas* c. 1870. *What Melody* was published in *Cornish Carols* (1889), a two-part collection by Robert Hainsworth Heath, a music teacher and organist in Redruth.

Emendation :

Tenor, bars 18 & 19 : semibreve f' and dotted minim c'.

S. mirth, With sounds of joy and mirth, All wel - com - ing the
morn, **On this aus - pi - cious morn,** **While "Hal-le - lu - jah,"**
 sky, Ap - pear in yon - der sky, Ce - les - tial mu - sic
name, **And prais - ed be his name,** **All glo - ry to the**

A. sounds of joy and mirth, With sounds of joy and mirth, All wel - com - ing the
this aus - pi - cious morn, On this aus - pi - cious morn, **While "Hal-le - lu - jah,"**
 -pear in yon - der sky, Ap - pear in yon - der sky, Ce - les - tial mu - sic
prais - ed be his name, And prais - ed be his name, **All glo - ry to the**

T. sounds of joy and mirth, With sounds of joy and mirth, All wel - com - ing the
this aus - pi - cious morn, On this aus - pi - cious morn, **While "Hal-le - lu - jah,"**
 -pear in yon - der sky, Ap - pear in yon - der sky, Ce - les - tial mu - sic
prais - ed be his name, And prais - ed be his name, **All glo - ry to the**

B. sounds of joy and mirth, of joy and mirth, All wel - com - ing the
this aus - pi - cious morn, **aus - pi - cious morn,** **While "Hal-le - lu - jah,"**
 -pear in yon - der sky, in yon - der sky, Ce - les - tial mu - sic
prais - ed be his name, **praised be his name,** **All glo - ry to the**

S. heaven - ly choir, *cresc.* At this our Sa - viour's birth?
an - gels cry, The King of kings is born,
 fills the air, "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry,
Three in One, All hon - our to the same,

A. heaven - ly choir, At
an - gels cry, The
 fills the air, "Praise
Three in One, All

T. heaven - ly choir,
an - gels cry,
 fills the air,
Three in One,

B. heaven - ly choir, At this our Sa - viour's
an - gels cry, The King of kings is
 fills the air, "Praise God," the ser - aphs
Three in One, All hon - our to the

S.  At this our Sa - viour's birth ? At
The King of kings is born, **The**
 "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry, "Praise
All hon - our to the same, All

A.  this our Sa - viour's birth ? At this, At
King of kings is born, **The King,** **The**
 God," the ser - aphs cry, "Praise God," "Praise
hon - our to the same, All hon - our,

T.  At this our Sa - viour's birth ?
The King of kings is born,
 "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry,
All hon - our to the same,

B.  birth ?
born,
 cry,
same, At this,
The King,
 "Praise God,"
All hon - our, At this our Sa - viour's
The King of kings is
 "Praise God," the ser - aphs
our, hon - our to the

S.  this our Sa - viour's birth ? *f* At this our Sa - viour's birth ?
King of kings is born, **The King of kings is born.**
 God," the ser - aphs cry, "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry.
hon - our to the same, All hon - our to the same.

A.  this our Sa - viour's birth ? *f* At this our Sa - viour's birth ?
King of kings is born, **The King of kings is born.**
 God," the ser - aphs cry, "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry.
hon - our to the same, All hon - our to the same.

T.  — At this our Sa - viour's birth ? *f* At this our Sa - viour's birth ?
 — **The King of kings is born,** **The King of kings is born.**
 — "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry, "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry.
 — **All hon - our to the same, All hon - our to the same.**

B.  birth ?
born, At this our Sa - viour's birth ? *f* At this our Sa - viour's birth ?
 cry, **The King of kings is born,** **The King of kings is born.**
same, "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry, "Praise God," the ser - aphs cry.
All hon - our to the same, All hon - our to the same.