

HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY

Music: SALVE FESTA DIES. (Irreg.), R. Vaughan Williams, 1906
Text: *Salve, festa dies*, Venantius Fortunatus; tr. M.F. Bell, 1906

1. Hail thee, Fes - ti-val Day! blest day that art hal-lowed for ev - er;

This system contains the first line of music. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4. The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) features chords and moving lines in G major. The lyrics are: "1. Hail thee, Fes - ti-val Day! blest day that art hal-lowed for ev - er;"

Day wherein Christ a - rose, break-ing the king - dom of death. death.

(Small notes optional.)

This system contains the second line of music. The vocal line has a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2'). The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "Day wherein Christ a - rose, break-ing the king - dom of death. death." Below the piano part, the text "(Small notes optional.)" is written.

2. Lo, the fair bea - ty of earth, from the death of the win - ter a - ris - ing,
4. God of all pit - y and pow'r, let Thy Word be as-sured to the doubt - ing;
6. Ill it be-seem-eth that Thou, by whose hand all things are en - com - passed,
8. Mouning they laid Thee to rest, who art Au-thor of life and cre - a - tion;
10. Out of the pri - son of death Thou art res - cu-ing num - ber-less cap - tives;

This system contains the third line of music. The vocal line includes a fermata over a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "2. Lo, the fair bea - ty of earth, from the death of the win - ter a - ris - ing, 4. God of all pit - y and pow'r, let Thy Word be as-sured to the doubt - ing; 6. Ill it be-seem-eth that Thou, by whose hand all things are en - com - passed, 8. Mouning they laid Thee to rest, who art Au-thor of life and cre - a - tion; 10. Out of the pri - son of death Thou art res - cu-ing num - ber-less cap - tives;"

REPEAT 'Hail thee'

Ev' - ry good gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns.
 Light on the third day re - turns: rise, Son of God, from the tomb!
 Cap - tive and bound shouldst re - main, deep in the bloom of the rock.
 Tread - ing the path - way of death, life Thou be - stow - edst on man.
 Free - ly they tread in the way whi - ther their Ma - ker has gone.

3. He who was nailed to the Cross is God and the Ru - ler of all things;
 5. Ill doth it seem that Thy limbs should ling - er in low - ly dis - hon - our,
 7. Rise now, O Lord, from the grave and cast off the shroud that en - wrapped Thee;
 9. Show us Thy face once - more, that the a - ges may joy in Thy bright - ness;
 11. Je - sus has har - row - ed hell; he has led cap - ti - vi - ty cap - tive:

REPEAT 'Hail thee'

All things cre - a - ted on earth wor - ship the Ma - ker of all.
 Ran - som and price of the world, veiled from the vi - sion of men.
 Thou art suf - fi - cient for us: noth - ing with - out Thee ex - ists.
 Give us the light of day, dark - ened on earth at Thy death.
 Dark - ness and cha - os and death flee from the face of the light.

REFRAIN AFTER EACH VERSE.

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Day where-in Christ a - rose, break - ing the king - dom of death.

(Small notes optional.)