

Special Melody
"Be Quick to Anticipate"

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff begins with a note labeled 'Ison'. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, with several melodic lines and harmonic progressions. The lyrics describe the birth and mission of John the Baptist.

Ison

Re - joyce, O bar - ren one, who__ had not giv - en

birth; for be - hold thou hast con - ceived__ clear - ly the

one__ who__ is the dawn__ of the Sun, who was a -

- bout to il - lu - mi - nate the whole__ u - ni - verse,

blight - ed with sight - - less - ness.

Shout in joy, O Zach - a - ri - as, cry - ing in

fav - - - our, Ver - i - ly, the one__ to be

born is a Proph - et of the High - - - est.