

## REJOICE AND BE MERRY

Traditional Dorset, probably 18th century

Traditional English West Country

Re - joice and be mer - ry in songs and in mirth! O praise our Re -

- deem - er, all mor - tals on earth! For this is the birth - day of

Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion; his praises we'll sing!

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This carol may be sung unaccompanied or with keyboard or guitar.

2nd and  
3rd descant

Optional instruments (preferably brass or reed)

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Repeat from % if 'First  
Nowell' descant is being  
sung

1 Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth!  
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth!  
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King.  
Who brought us salvation: his praises we'll sing.

2 A heavenly vision appeared in the sky.  
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy.  
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King.  
Who brought us salvation: his praises we'll sing.

3 Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear.  
Which led the wise men from the east to draw near;  
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King.  
Who brought us salvation: his praises we'll sing.

4 And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,  
And unto him offered myrrh, incense, and gold.  
So blessed for ever be Jesus our King.  
Who brought us salvation: his praises we'll sing.