26. O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL
(ADESTE FIDELES)

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and others

Composer unknown (probably 18th c.)
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

SOPRANO
ALTO

1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and tri-

-umphant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth-

-lehem;

Light Lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;

Come and behold him Born the King of An-

gels:

Very God, Beotten, not created: O

Man.

come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O

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come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Note: Verses 1-5 may be sung by unison voices and organ, S.A.T.B. voices and organ, or voices unaccompanied as desired. Verses 3-5 may be omitted. The harmonies used for vv. 1-5 are from The English Hymnal.
3. See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear:
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
\[O\text{ come, etc.}\]

4. Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
\[O\text{ come, etc.}\]

5. Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love:
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
\[O\text{ come, etc.}\]

6. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
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