54. O come, all ye faithful

(Adeste, fideles)

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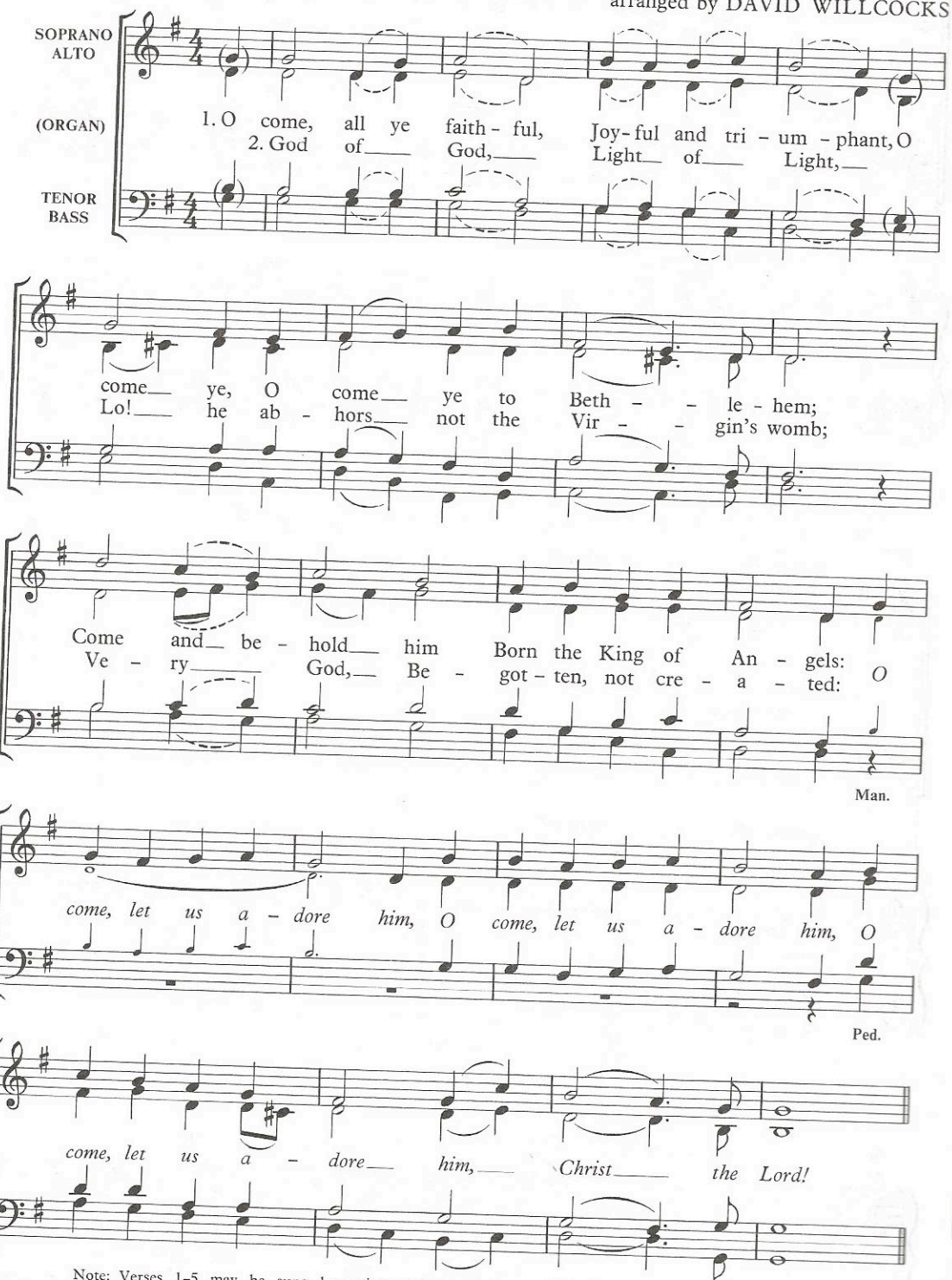
W. T. BROOKE
and others

Words and melody by
J. F. WADE (*c.* 1711–1786)
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS



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 verses 1–5 are from *The English Hymnal*.

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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:

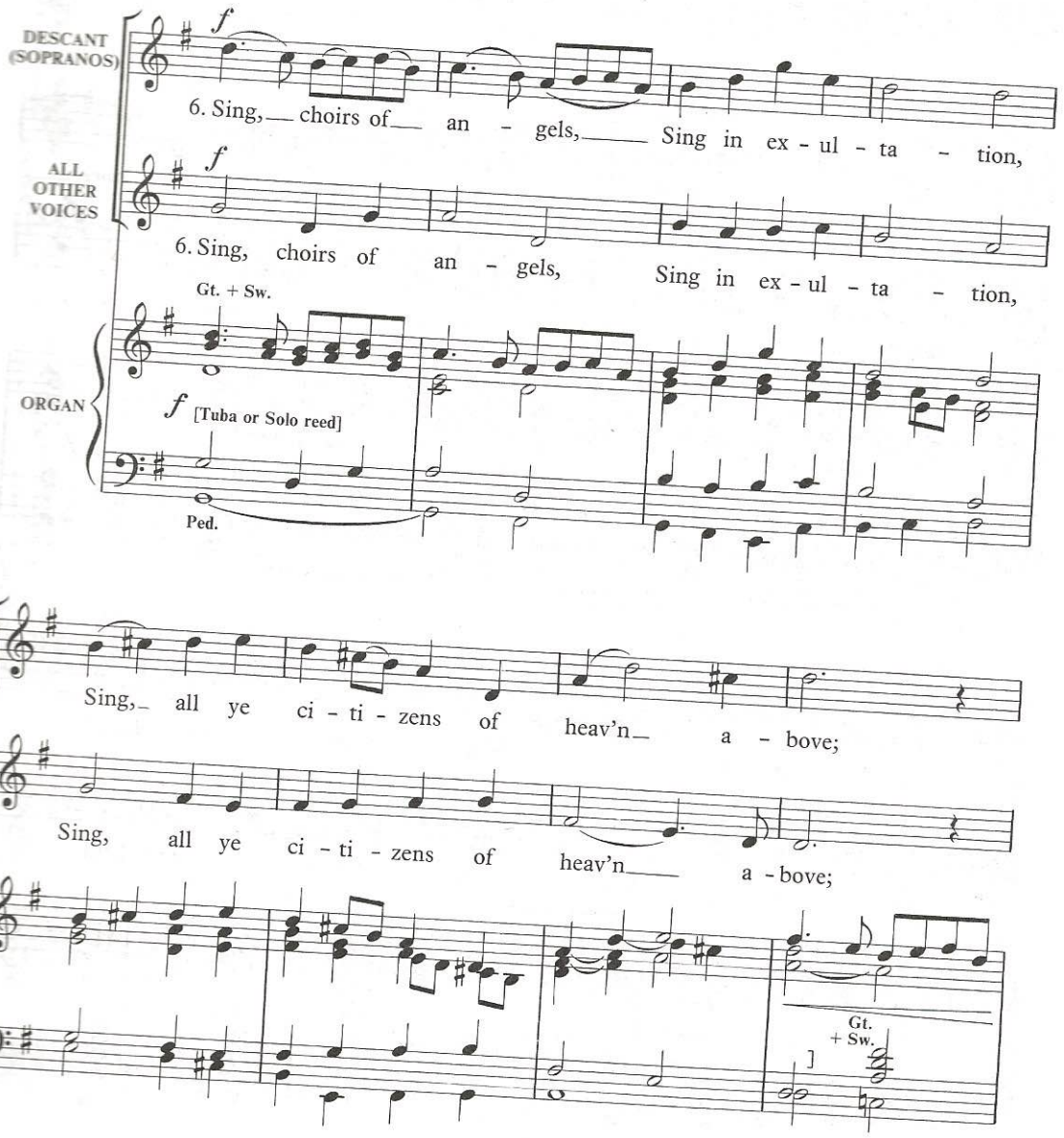
O come, etc.

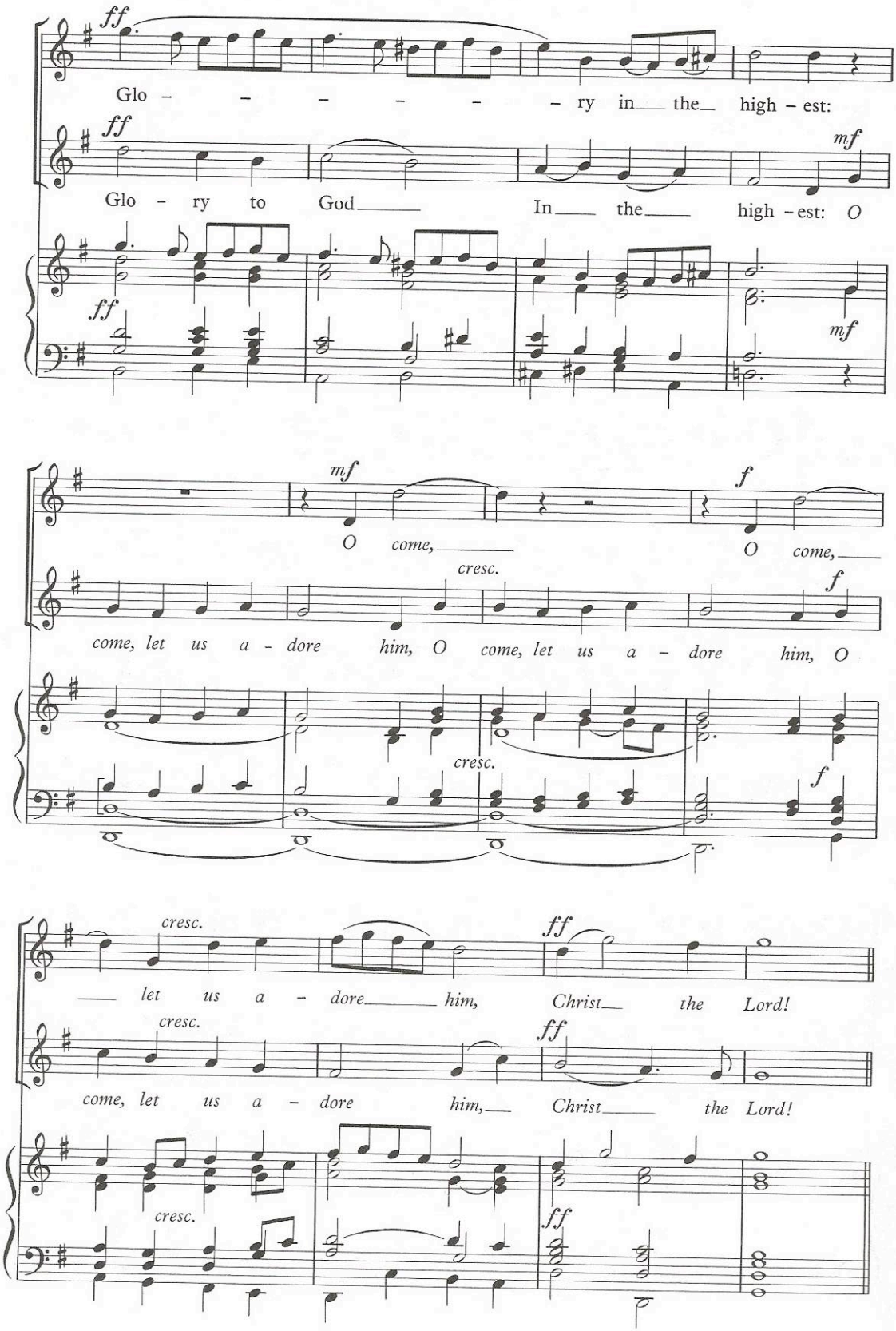
4. Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:

O 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 come, etc.

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ff
mf
Glo – ry to God In the high – est: O
ff
mf
mf
O come,
f
O come,
cresc.
f
come, let us a – dore him, O come, let us a – dore him, O
cresc.
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cresc.
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let us a – dore him, Christ the Lord!
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come, let us a – dore him, Christ the Lord!
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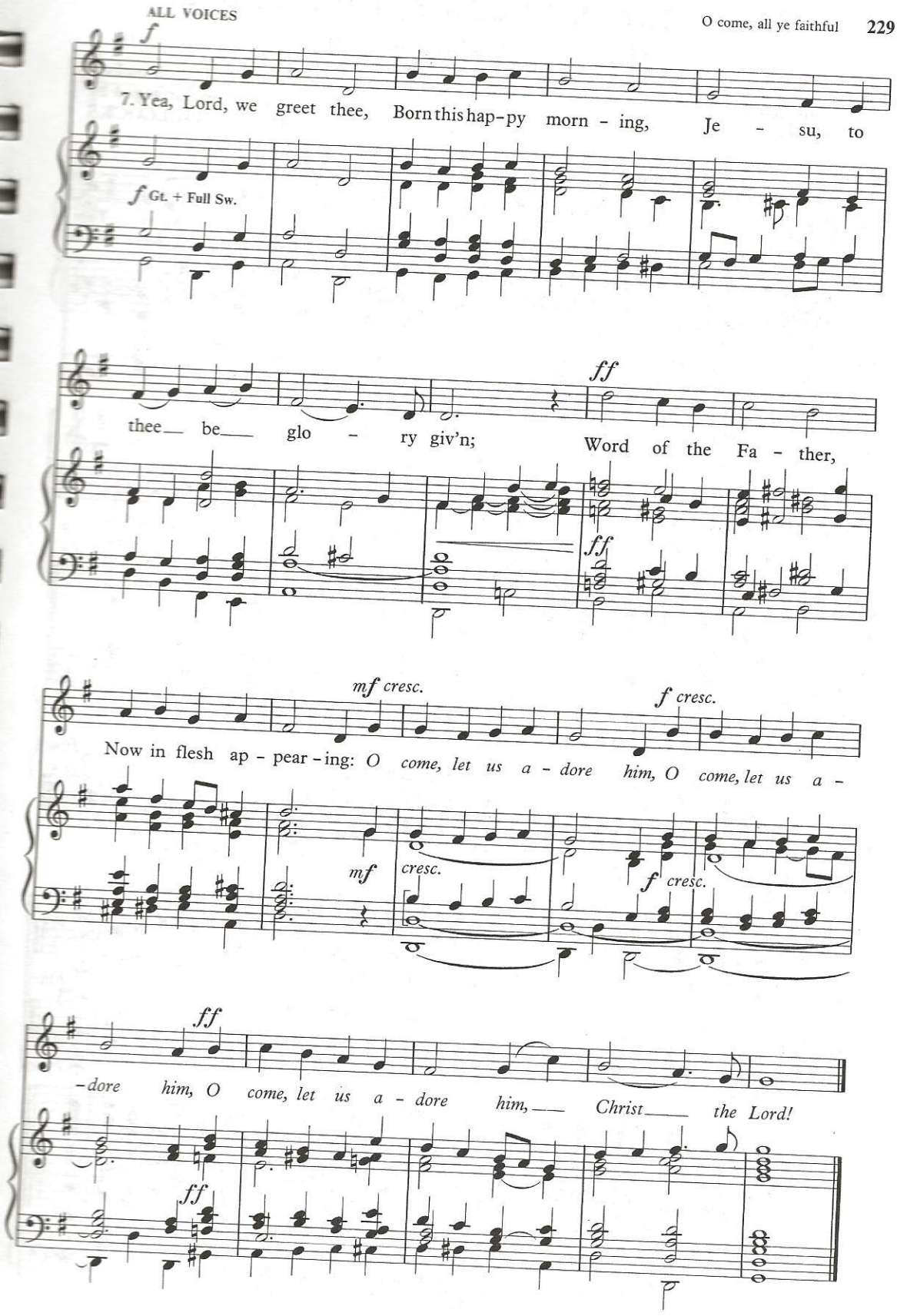
ALL VOICES
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7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap-py morn - ing, Je - su, to
f Gt. + Full Sw.
thee be glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,
ff
ff
mf cresc.
f cresc.
Now in flesh ap - pear - ing: O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
mf
cresc.
f cresc.
ff
- dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!
ff