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Es ist ein Ros

German 15th century

Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirkengesäng, Köln, 1599

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Joyfully, ♩ = c. 120

Keyboard



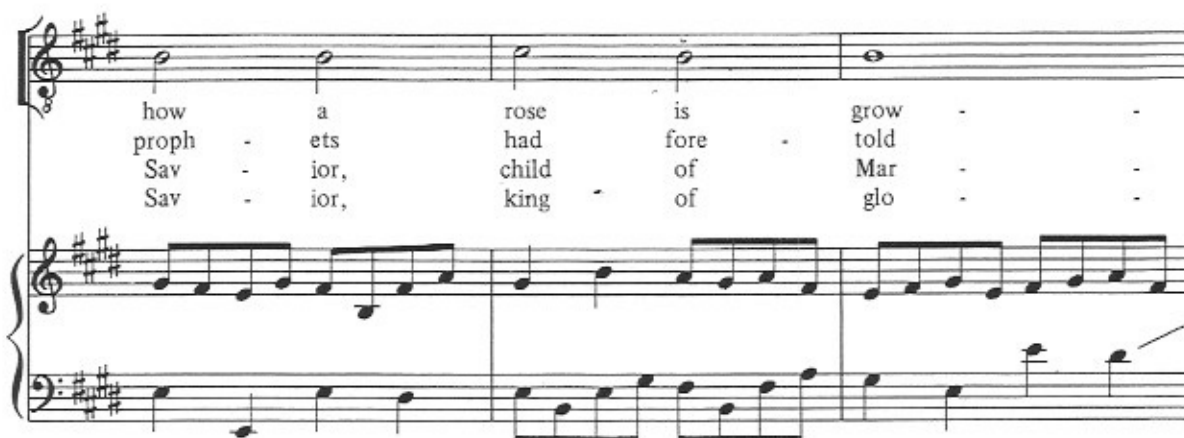
mf



mf

Stanza 1—Solo (or few voices) Lo,
The

Stanza 5—Unison choir O
O



how a rose is grow -
proph - ets had fore - told
Sav - ior, child of Mar -
Sav - ior, king of glo -

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ing, A bloom of fin - est grace;
 it: A branch of Jes - se's race
 y, Who felt all hu - man woe;
 ry, Who tri - umphed o'er our foe:

Would bear
 Bring us

one per fect flow'r
 at length, we pray,

Here
To

in the cold of win - ter And
the bright courts of heav - en And

dark - est mid - night hour.
in - to end - less day.

Fine
slight rit.

Stanza 2

T T *mf* I - sa - iah had fore -
 I - sa - iah had fore -
 The rose of which I'm sing - ing,
 B B *mf* I - sa - iah had fore -

told.
 told. He came to
 told. He came to us through Mar -
 He came to us through Mar - y, He

He came to us
 us through Mar - y, He
 y, He came to us, He
 came to us through Mar - y, He came through Mar - y Who
 Who

shel - tered him from cold. Through God's e - ter - nal
 shel - tered him from cold.

will, — Through God's e - ter - nal will, Through God's e - ter - nal will This

child to us was giv - en At mid - night calm and still.

Stanza 3

The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, the

The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, the shep - herds —

The

shep - herds heard the sto - ry, the shep - herds heard the

shep - herds heard the sto - ry, the shep - herds heard the

heard the sto - ry The an - gels —

The an-gels
sto - ry The
sto - ry The an - gels - sang that night: How - Christ was born of
sang that night, the How Christ was

He was the Son of light.
Mar - y; He - was the Son of light.
born of Mar - y; Son of light. To Beth - le - hem they

acc.

To Beth - le - hem they ran, — To Beth - le - hem they ran —
ran, to Beth - le - hem they ran, —

As an - gel her - alds sang.
a tempo
To find him in the man - ger As an - gel her - alds sang.
a tempo

Stanza 4

Very tenderly *P* With fra-grance fills the

This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With fra - grance fills the

air; That kept the earth in

air; His bright-ness ends the dark - ness That kept the earth in

fear. True God and yet true

fear. True God and yet true man, true

True God and yet true man, true God and yet true

fear. True God and yet true man, true God and yet true

man, true God and yet true man, He

man, true God and yet true man, He

came to save his peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.

earth's dark night of sin.

earth's night of sin.

D.C. al Fine
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