

Long ago, prophets knew

Piae Cantiones (1582),
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Melody: Piae Cantiones 1582
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Fast (♩ = 66)

VOICES

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Ped.

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Unison *f* 1. Long a - go, pro - phets knew Christ would come,
S. & A. *mf* 2. God in time, God in man, This is God's
T. & B. *mf* 3. Ma - ry, hail! Though a - fraid, She be - lieved,
Unison *f* 4. Jour - ney ends! Where a - far Beth - lem shines,

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born a Jew, Come to make all things new; Bear his
time - less plan: He will come, as a man, Born him -
She o - beyed. In her womb God is laid: Till the
like a star, Sta - ble door stands a - jar. Un - born

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(8) Peo - ple's bur - den, Free - ly love and par - don.
 - self of wo - man, God di - vine - ly hu - man.
 time ex - pect - ed, Nur - tured and pro - tect - ed,
 Son of Ma - ry, Sa - viour, do not tar - ry!

Ring, bells,

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(8) ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

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(8) When he comes, when he comes, Who will make him wel - come?
 (v.4) Je - sus comes! Je - sus comes! We will make him wel - come!

(# last time only)

D.C.

Long ago, prophets knew,
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring! Sing, choirs sing!
When he comes, Who will make him
welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
Ring, bells, ring, etc.

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, She obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected,
Ring, bells, ring, etc.

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Savior, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring! Sing, choirs, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!