

SIROË. C.M. Sharp Key on E.Arr. from Handel's **SIROË** by ?
Henry Smith's *The Church Harmony*, 1837

Traditional

1. Be - hold be - hold the love of — God, How won - der - ful did He Send down his

2. Glo - ry glo - ry to God a - bove that — sent his Son on — earth — And — all u -

on - ly Son on earth our Sav - iour for to be — Our Sav - iour for to be.

nite with heart and — voice For joy of such a birth — For joy of such a birth.

SIROË Like **MESSIAH**, Handel's opera **SIROË** served as source material for popular songs. This one, also known as **LUNEBURG**, **SANDFORD**, and **CHRISTMAS**, first appeared in this form in David Weyman's *Melodia Sacra* in 1815. Though usually sung to "While shepherds watched," the text here is stanzas three and four of the carol beginning "Awake, awake ye mortals all." A modern source for the text is Townsend's *Mellstock Carols*.