

A day, a day of glory

Lyrics: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Tune: Old French melody

John Mason Neale was a prolific writer of historical and religious works, as well as writer and translator of hymns. He is probably best known as the author of "Good King Wenceslas". This carol was written for the publication, 'Ancient Christmas Carols' in 1860.



Version: Lead sheet (melody and chords) with lyrics.

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The musical score is written in G minor, 3/4 time, and consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic structure.

Staff 1: *Gm Cm Gm D7 Gm*
A day, a day of glo - ry! A day that ends our woe! A

Staff 2: *Cm Gm D7 Gm*
day that tells of tri-umph, A - gainst the vanquished foe! Yield

Staff 3: *D7 Gm Cm D7*
sum - mer's brightest sun - rise To this December morn; Lift

Staff 4: *Gm Cm D7 Gm*
up your gates, ye prin - ces, And let the child be born.

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*A day, a day of glory!
A day that ends our woe!
A day that tells of triumph,
Against the vanquished foe!
Yield summer's brightest sunrise
To this December morn;
Lift up your gates, ye princes,
And let the child be born.*

*With "Gloria in excelsis"
Archangels tell their mirth;
With "Kyrie Eleison"
Men answer upon earth;
And angels swell the triumph,
And mortals sound the horn,
Lift up your gates, ye princes,
And let the child be born.*

*He comes, his throne the manger,
He comes, his shrine the stall.
The ox and ass his courtiers,
Who made and governs all.
The "house of bread" his birthplace,
The prince of wine and corn,
Lift up your gates, ye princes,
And let the child be born.*

*Then bar the gates, that henceforth
None thus may passage win,
Because the prince of Israel
Alone hath entered in;
The earth, the sky, the ocean,
His glorious way adorn;
Lift up your gates, ye princes,
And let the child be born.*