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Tune - Llanfair

Lyrics: from Lyra Davidica, 1708

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Lyra Davidica (meaning "The harp of David") was a collection of hymns, mostly translated from German or Latin, published in 1708 by John Walsh, John Hare and P. Randall, London publishers.

Robert Williams lived on the island of Anglesey, north Wales. He was blind, and worked as a basket maker. He also had a musical gift; it was said he only had to hear a tune once, and he could write it down. He was a popular singer, and wrote many hymn tunes.

This hymn is sometimes confused with "Christ the Lord is risen today" - and the tunes - Llanfair and Easter Morn - are interchangeable. Both are available from The Sheet Music Stack, so feel free to mix and match.

*Version: Lead sheet; treble with chords
Arranged by: Kim Tame
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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1-5, the second staff contains measures 6-10, and the third staff contains measures 11-15. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, Em, C, D7, Bm, G, C, D7, G, G, Em in the first staff; C, D7, Bm, G, C, D7, G, Em, D7, C, Am, D7 in the second staff; G, A7, D, D7, G, Em, C, D7, Bm, G, D7, G in the third staff. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes.

Jesus Christ is risen today -
Hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day -
Hallelujah!
Who did once upon the cross -
Hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss -
Hallelujah!

Hymns of praises let us sing.
Unto Christ our heavenly king,
Who endured the cross, the grave,
Sinners to redeem and save.

But the pain, which he endured
Our salvation hath procured;
Now above the sky, he's king,
Where the angels ever sing.

Sing we to our God above
Praise eternal as his love,
Praise him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.