

Sei willkommen, allerliebstes Kind

Be Thou Welcome, Most Beloved Child

SATB a cappella, Organ/Piano ad lib

German lyrics: based on Sidonia Hedwig Zäunemann (1711–1740),
from *Andächtige Weihnachts-Gedanken* [Reverent Thoughts at Christmastide]

Italian lyrics: by Giovanni Battista Sammartini (1695–1750)
from *Pastorale per il giorno grosso del Natale* op. 5/6
English lyrics: Christopher Inman

Andante sostenuto ♩ = 48

mf

S
Sei will - kom - men, du a - ller - liebs - tes Kind, du
Be thou wel - come, thou most - be - lov - ed child, oh thou

A
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Be thou wel - come, thou most - be - lov - ed child, oh thou

T
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B
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Be thou wel - come, thou most - be - lov - ed child, oh thou

Organ/Piano
(mainly colla parte, ad lib)

Andante sostenuto ♩ = 48

mf

mp

3
liebs - - - tes Kind, wo bist du, wo bist du, wo bist du hin - ge -
dear - - - est, dear - - - child! to what low - ly, low - ly place hast thou come? Here thou art in

al - ler - liebs - tes Kind, wo bist du, wo bist du, wo bist du hin - ge -
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*) Aufteilung der Stimmen je nach bester Singlage der einzelnen Sopran-Sängerinnen. Es genügt, wenn wenige Singstimmen die obere Oktave übernehmen. / Assign the voices according to the best range of the individual soprano singers. It is sufficient when just a few voices assume the upper octave.



6

ra - ten? Du ver - lässt, ver - lässt den schö - nen Him - mel den schö - nen
 squa - lor! Thou hast left, hast left thy heav'n - ly place, thy heav'n - ly

ra - ten? Du ver - lässt, ver - lässt den schö - nen Him - mels - saal den schö - nen
 squa - lor! Thou hast left, hast left thy heav'n - ly place, thy heav'n - ly

Du ver - lässt, den Him - mels - saal, den schö - nen
 Thou hast left, thy heav'n - ly place, thy heav'n - ly

ra - ten? Du ver - lässt, den Saal den schö - nen
 squa - lor! Thou hast left, thy heav'n - ly place, thy heav'n - ly

mf 8 *f*

Saal, er - wählt der Men - - - - - schen Or - den, der Men - schen Or - den,
 pa - lace, thou hast chosen life as Man on earth, hu - man frail - ty,

f

Him - mels - saal, du er - wählt, du er - wählt der Men - schen, der Men - schen Or - den, der Men - schen Or - den, du
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Saal er - wählt der Men - - - - - schen, Men - schen Or - den,
 pa - lace, thou hast chosen life as hu - man frail - ty,

10

mf

bist ein Kind ge - wor - den, bist, bist und ge - wor -
 hast be - come a child, hast ta - ken a child's dy, a frail bo -

mf

bist ein Kind ge - wor - den, bist ein Kind wor - den, ein ge - we -
 hast be - come a child, hast ta - ken a child's dy, a frail bo -

bist ein Kind ge - wor - den, ein Kind wor -
 hast be - come a child, a child's frail bo -

mf

bist ein Kind ge - wor - den, ein Kind ge - wor -
 hast be - come a child, child's frail bo -

mf

12

mp

den. Will - kom - men, will - kom - men, will - kom - men, sei will - kom - men, al - ler - liebs - tes
 dy. Be, be thou come, be thou wel - come, be thou wel - come, wel - come, most be - lov - ed

mp

den. Sei will - kom - men, sei will - kom - men, sei will - kom - men, al - ler - liebs - tes
 dy. Be thou come, be thou wel - come, be thou wel - come, most be - lov - ed

mp

den. Will - kom - men, sei will - kom - men, al - ler - liebs - tes
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mp

den. Will - kom - men, will - kom - men, will - kom - men, sei will - kom - men, al - ler - liebs - tes
 dy. Be, be thou come, be thou wel - come, be thou wel - come, be thou wel - come, wel - come, most be - lov - ed

mp

akzentuert/accented

20

al - - - - le Pracht zur Sei - te, nimmst den Stall woh - ein,
splen - - - - dour thou hast cast off. There, there ox and ass do dwell

al - le Pracht zur Sei - te, Pracht zur Sei - te, du nimmst den Stall ein, wo
splen - dour thou hast cast off, thou has cast off. There, there ox and ass do dwell

- - le Pracht zur Sei - - - - te, nimmst den Stall zur Wohnung ein,
splen - dour thou hast cast off. There, there ox and ass do dwell

22

wo Ochs und E - sel sein, wo Ochs und E - sel
is now thy partner there with ox and ass a sim - ple sta - ble

Ochs und E - sel sein, wo Ochs und E - sel sein, und E - sel, wo Ochs und E - sel
dwell is thy partner there with ox, with ox and ass, and ass a sim - ple sta - ble

wo Ochs und E - sel sein, wo Ochs und E - sel sein, wo Ochs und E - sel
is now thy partner there with ox, with ox and ass a sim - ple sta - ble

☐ Solo B ad lib
mf

wo Ochs und E - sel sein, wo Ochs und E - sel
with ox, with ox and ass a sim - ple sta - ble

25 *Tutti mp sanft/gently*

sein. O komm, nimm nun mein Her - ze ein, hab' es dir ver -
 thine. Oh come, come, accept this heart of mine, thee 'tis de - di -

Tutti mp

sein. O komm, nimm nun mein Her - ze ein, hab' es dir ver -
 thine. Oh come, come, accept this heart of mine, thee 'tis de - di -

Tutti mp

sein. o komm, o komm, o nimm nun mein Her - ze ein, ich hab' es dir ver -
 thine. oh come, oh come, oh come, accept this heart of mine, to thee 'tis de - di -

Tutti mp

sein. O komm, nimm nun mein Her - ze ein, ich hab' es dir ver -
 thine. Oh come, come, accept this heart of mine, to thee 'tis de - di -

sanft/gently

28 *mf mp rit.*

schrie - ben. Ach, - ke, s - ke mir dein An - ge sicht, dein An - ge sicht, dein An - ge -
 ca - ted. Oh, - ke, s - ke me see thy coun - te - nance, thy coun - te - nance, thy coun - te -

mf mp

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mf mp

Schen die mir dein An - ge sicht, dein An - ge sicht, dein An - ge -
 Let die see thy coun - te - nance, thy coun - te - nance, thy coun - te -

rit.

a tempo
mf 31

sicht. Zieh ein, o Je - su, du lieb - stes Kind, gib, dass ich Gna - de vor dir
nance. Stay near, oh Je - sus, oh child, oh child, grant me thy mer - cy and thy

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Grant me thy mer - cy and thy

a tempo
mf

33 *f* *mf* *drängend/forward-pressing*

find't. Je - su, hö - re doch mein Fleh'n und lass es bald ge-scheh'n, lass es bald ge -
grace. Hear His, my prayer, to thee and let it come to pass, let it come to

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find't. hö - re doch mein Fleh'n und lass es bald ge-scheh'n, und lass es
grace. Hear this, my prayer, to thee and let it come to pass, and let it

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grace. this, my prayer, to thee and let it come to pass, and let it

f *mf* *drängend/forward-pressing*

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f *mp*

scheh'n, lass es bald ge-scheh'n, er hö-re mein Fleh'n. Lass es bald, ja, bald ge-scheh'n, lass es
pass, let it come to pass. Hear this, hear my prayer. Let it come to pass, let it come to pass, let it

scheh'n, lass es bald ge-scheh'n, er hö-re mein Fleh'n. O, lass es bald, ja, bald ge-scheh'n, lass es
pass, let it come to pass. Hear this, hear my prayer. Oh, let it come to pass, let it

bald come ge-scheh'n, er hör' mein Fleh'n. O, lass es bald, ja, bald ge-scheh'n, lass es
come to pass. Hear this, my prayer. Oh, let it come to pass, let it

bald come ge-scheh'n, er hör' mein Fleh'n. Lass es bald, ja, bald ge-scheh'n, lass es
come to pass. Hear this, my prayer. Let it come to pass, let it

f *mp*

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bald, ja bald ge-scheh'n, o liebs-tes Kind!
come, to pass, to pass, oh thou most be-lov-ed child!

bald, ja bald ge-scheh'n, o du al-ler-liebs-tes Kind!
come, to pass, to pass, oh thou most be-lov-ed child!

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rit.