

Carol of the Advent

An old Besançon tune
bew.: Mik Deboes

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '6' over '8'). The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff a treble clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff.

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1

People, look East.
The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair
as you are able,
trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East,
and sing to-day:
Love the Guest is on the way.

2

Furrows, be glad.
Though earth is bare,
one more seed
is planted there.
Give up your strength
the seed to nourish,
that in course
the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing to-day:
Love the Rose is on the way.

3

Birds, though ye long
have ceased to build,
guard the nest
that must be filled.
even the hour
when wings are frozen,
he for fledgling-time has chosen.
People, look East, and sing to-day:
Love the Bird is on the way.

Weise nach einem alten Lied aus Besançon

(Ihr) Menschen, schaut ostwärts!
Die Zeit ist nahe
da das Jahr gekrönt wird.
Schmückt euer Haus,
so gut ihr könnt,
schürt den Herd und deckt den Tisch.
(Ihr) Menschen, schaut ostwärts
und singt heute:
Liebe, der Gast, ist auf dem Weg (zu
euch).

Furchen, seid froh.
Obwohl die Erde kahl ist,
ein neuer Samen
wird dort gesät.
Gebt hin eure Kraft,
um die Saat zu nähren,
damit schließlich
die Blumen blühen können.

(Ihr) Vögel, obgleich ihr längst
aufgehört habt zu bauen,
bewacht das Nest,
das (mit Leben) gefüllt werden muß.
Gerade die Stunde,
da die Flügel gefroren sind,

(zu)

4

Stars, keep the watch.
when night is dim,
one more light
the bowl shall
brim,
Shining beyond
the frosty weather,
bright as sun
and moon together.

People, look East, and sing to-day:

Love the Star is on the way.

Sterne, haltet Wache!
Wenn die Nacht dunkelt,
ein neues Licht
wird das Firmament (*wörtl.* Schale)
erfüllen,
(und) scheinen trotz
des frostigen Wetters,
so hell wie Sonne
und Mond zusammen.

5

Angels, announce
to man and beast
him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley
humming
with the Word,
the Lord is coming.

People, look East, and sing to-day:

Love the Lord is on the way.

(Ihr) Engel, verkündet
Mensch und Tier
Ihn, der von Osten kommt.
Bringt jeden Gipfel und (jedes) Tal
zum Klingen (*wörtl.* Summen)
mit der Botschaft,
daß der Herr kommt.

Liebe, der Herr, ist auf dem Weg (zu
euch).