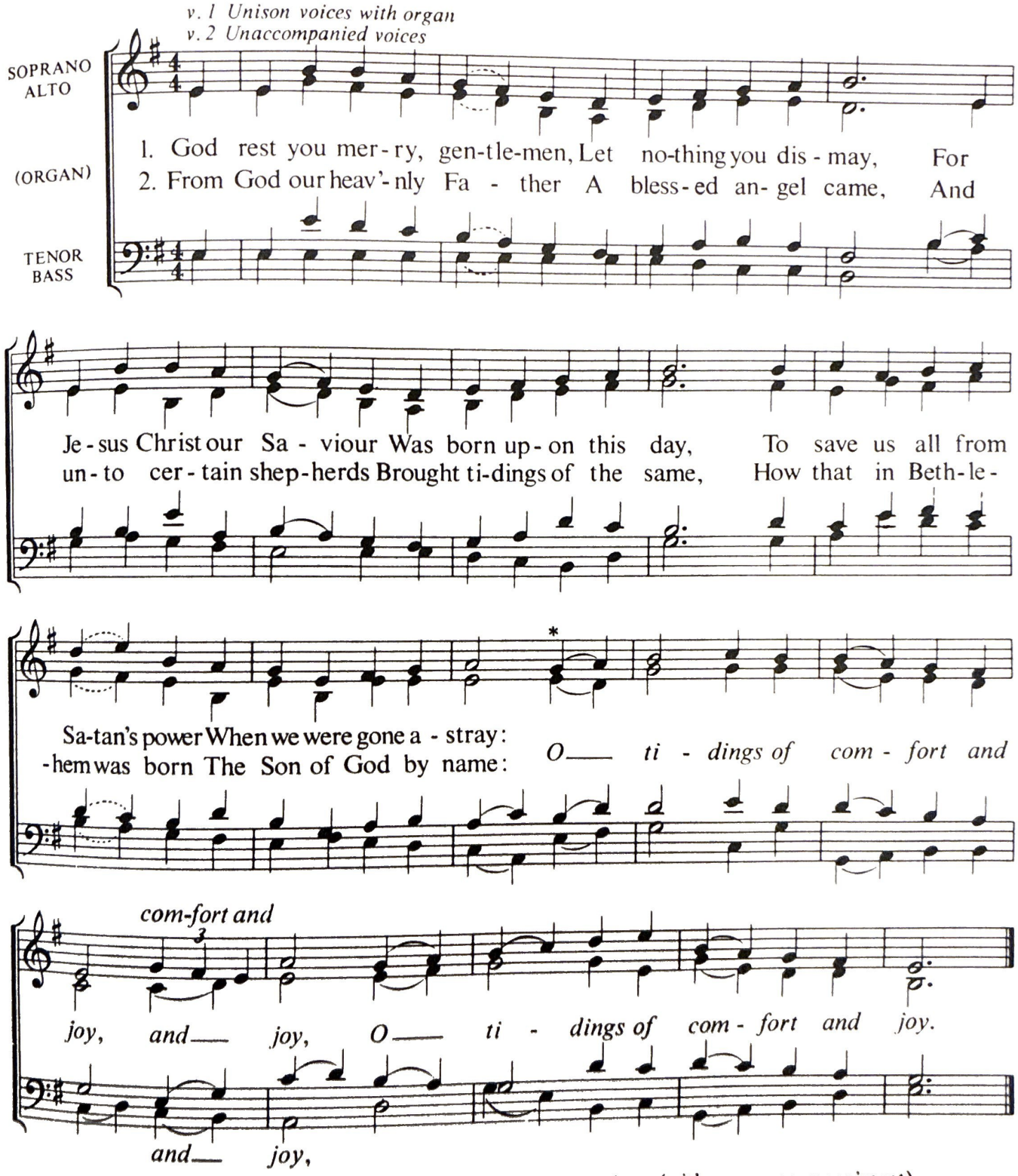
11. GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS



* If preferred, the refrain may always be sung in unison (with organ accompaniment)

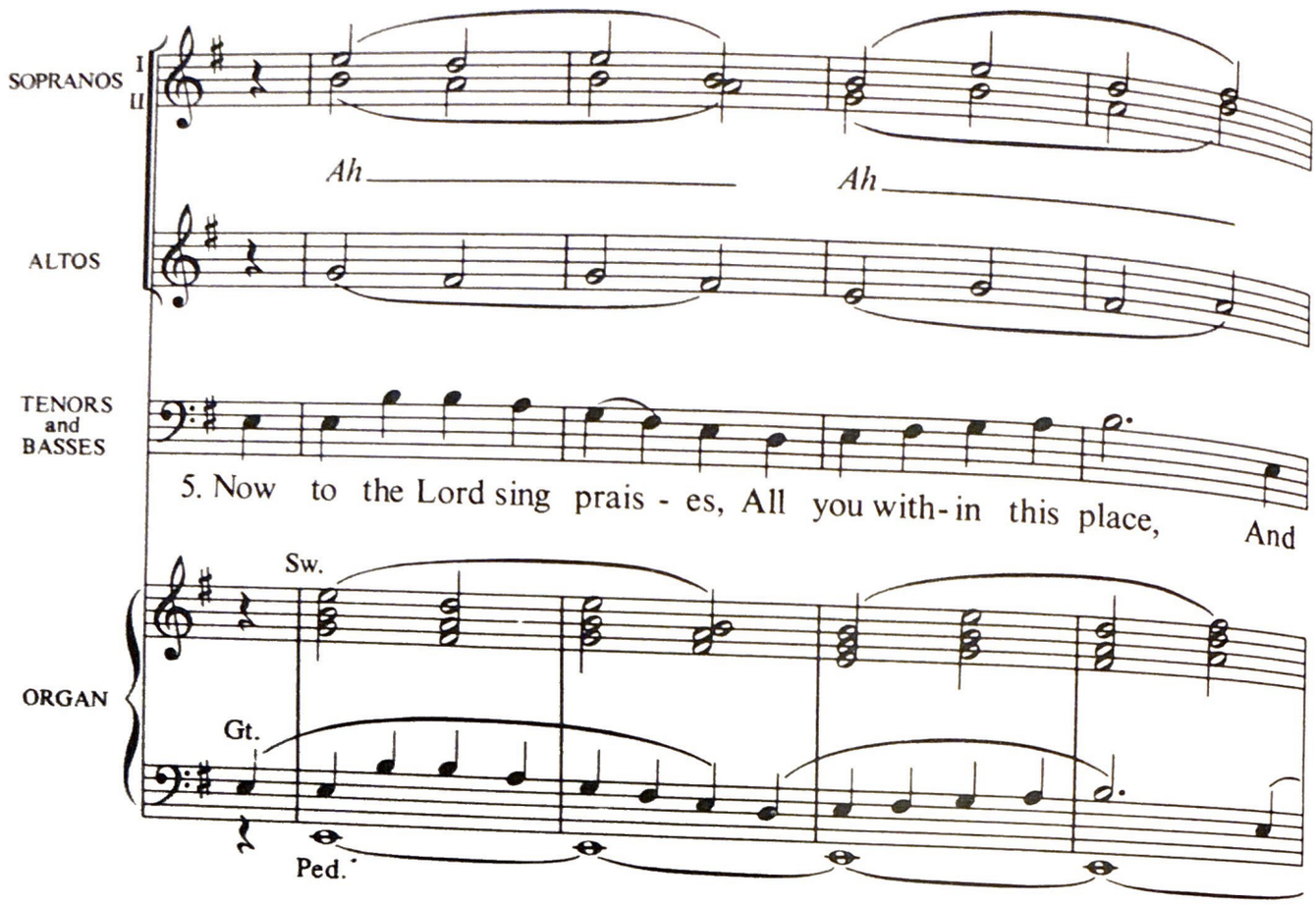
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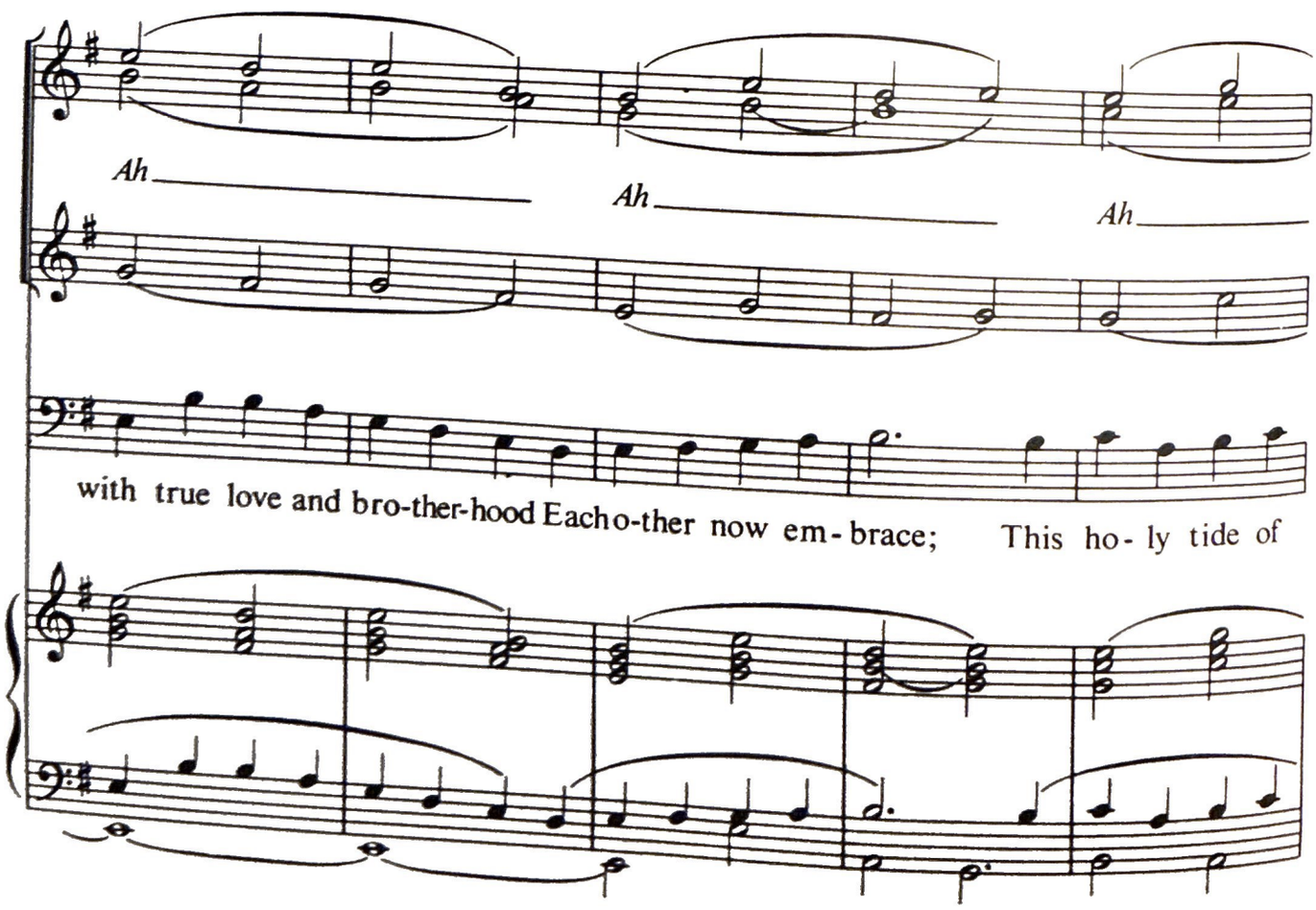
3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessèd babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

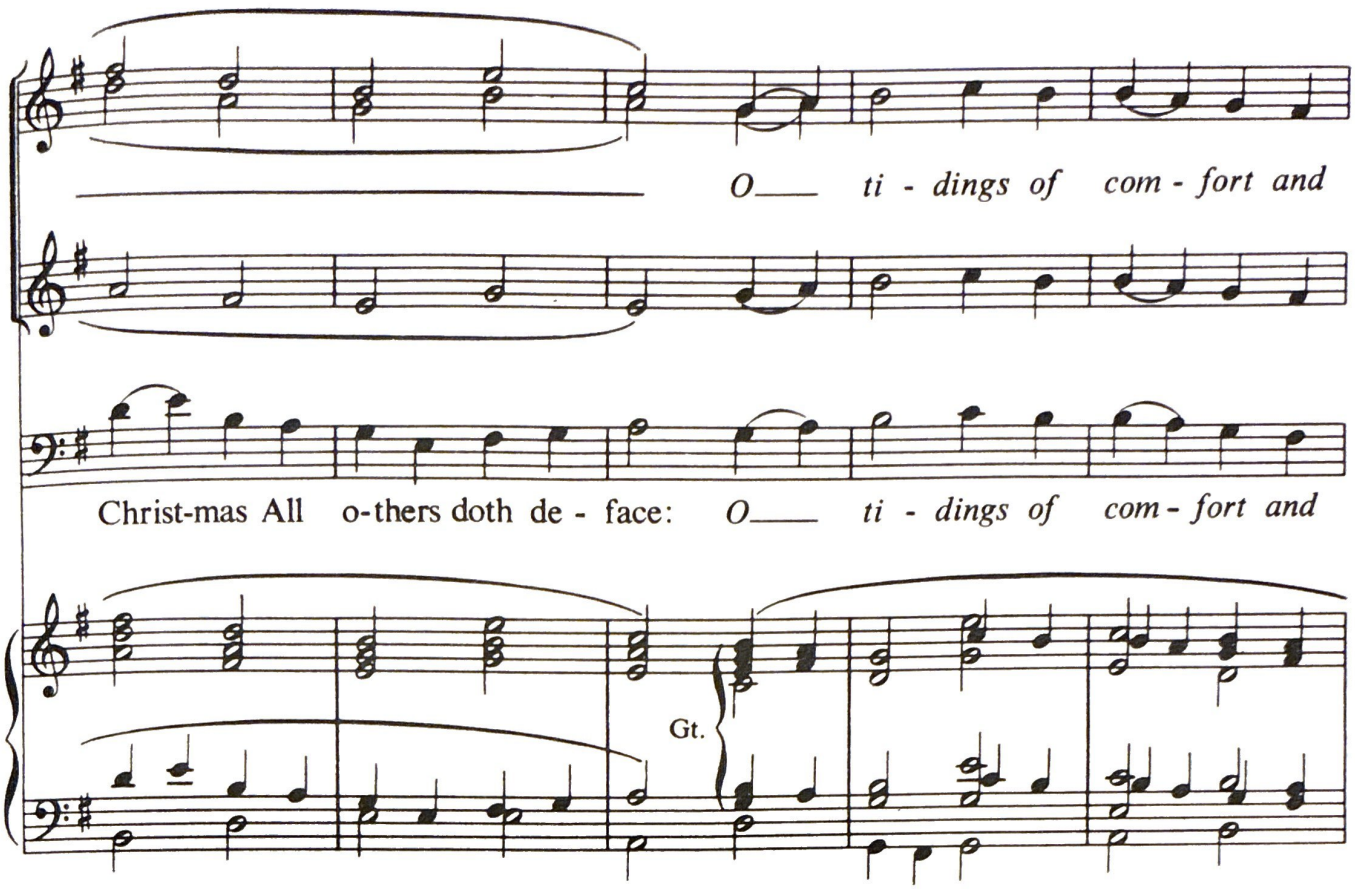
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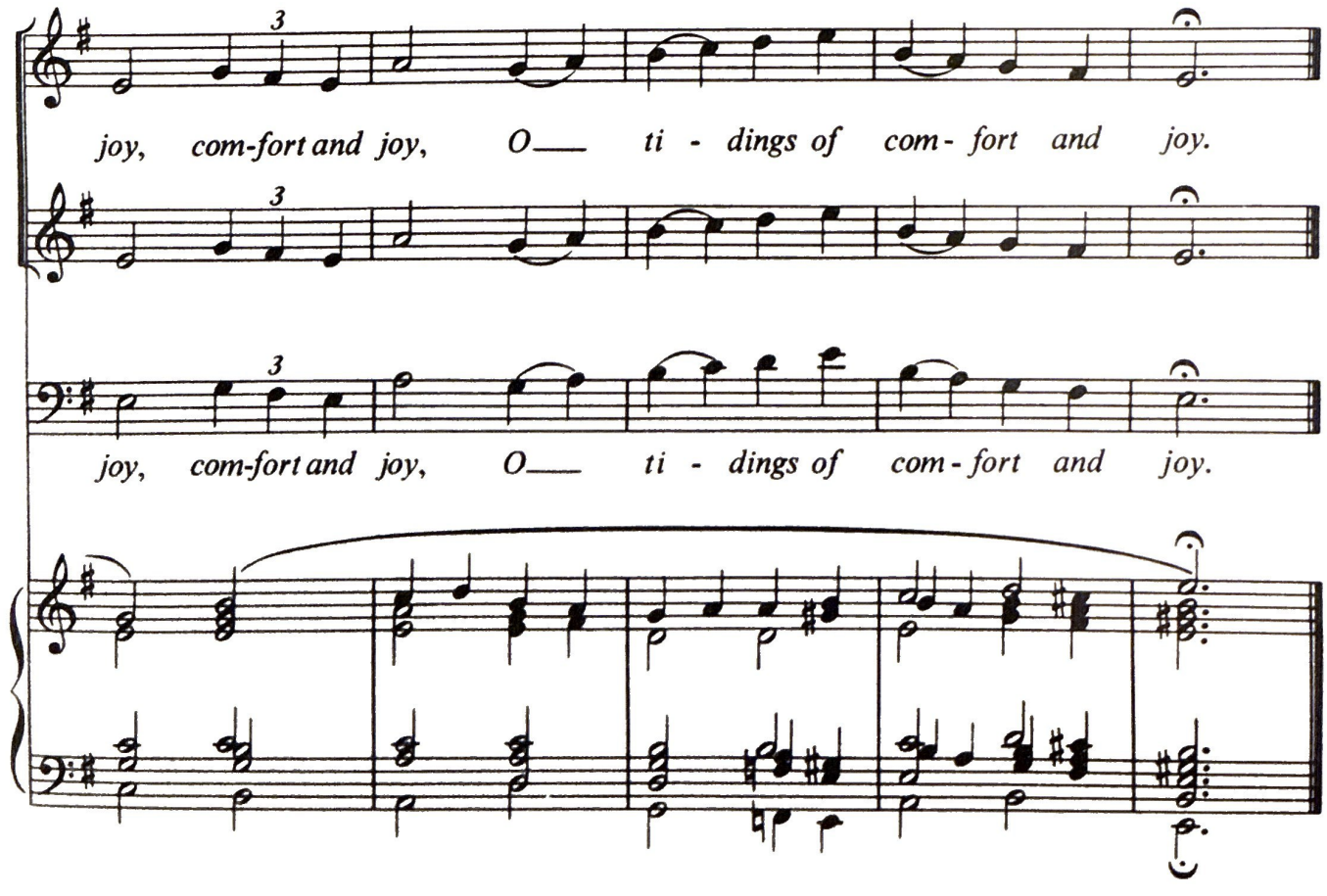
4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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SOPRANOS I II
Ah
Ah
ALTOS
TENORS and BASSES
5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with-in this place, And
ORGAN
Sw.
Gt.
Ped.


Ah
Ah
Ah
with true love and bro-ther-hood Each o-ther now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of


O___ ti - dings of com - fort and
Christ-mas All o-thers doth de - face: O___ ti - dings of com - fort and
Gt.


joy, com-fort and joy, O___ ti - dings of com - fort and joy.
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