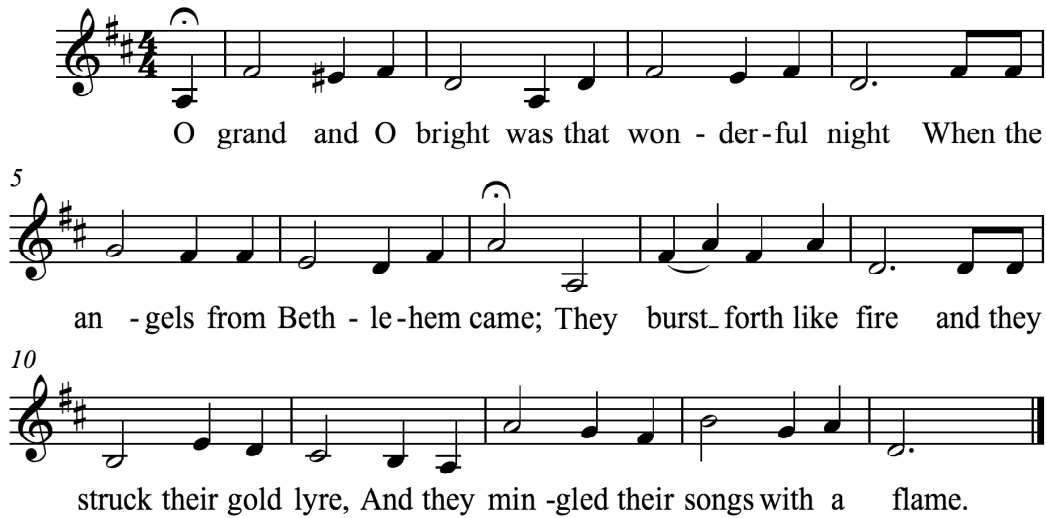


O Grand and O Bright

Collected by Gwilym Davies 12-Oct-1995

Sung by Betty Aldridge () of Cam, Glos



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5 an - gels from Beth - le - hem came; They burst forth like fire and they
10 struck their gold lyre, And they min - gled their songs with a flame.

O grand and O bright was that wonderful night
When the angels from Bethlehem came;
They burst forth like fire and struck their gold lyre,
And mingled their songs with a flame.

'I bring you', said he, 'from a glorious dream
A message both gladsome and bold
A saviour has come to this world unknown,
And he lies in a manger of wood'.

The shepherds amazed, the little lambs gazed,
As the darkness was turned into light;
No voice was then heard but his wonderful word,
And his wonderful conquest was won.

Then goodwill to men, our life's but a span
Our souls are so sinful and bright;
So pray, Christians, pray, and let Christmas Day
Have a tear as well as a smile.

Song for Singing prepared by GlosSongs

Source: Recording of Betty Aldridge and Let us be Merry by Roy Palmer and Gwilym Davies. Transposed lower (to D)

Notes: The song can be traced back to George Lord, who was born in Gloucestershire's Cambridge in 1861, though how he acquired the carol remains unclear. The text was published in the mid-nineteenth century by a Birmingham ballad printer under the title of 'The Worcestershire Carol'. Versions have been reported from 1920s carol singers in the Epney-Longney-Morton Valence area, from around about Worcester in the 1930s and from Castle Frome, Herefordshire in 1978

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