Paul Hardy's Xmas Parts Tunebook 2021

Introduction

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The current version of this tunebook, in ABC and in PDF forms, is downloadable for free from Paul's web site at www.paulhardy.net.

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Original version of July 2004, this version of 15 December 2021.

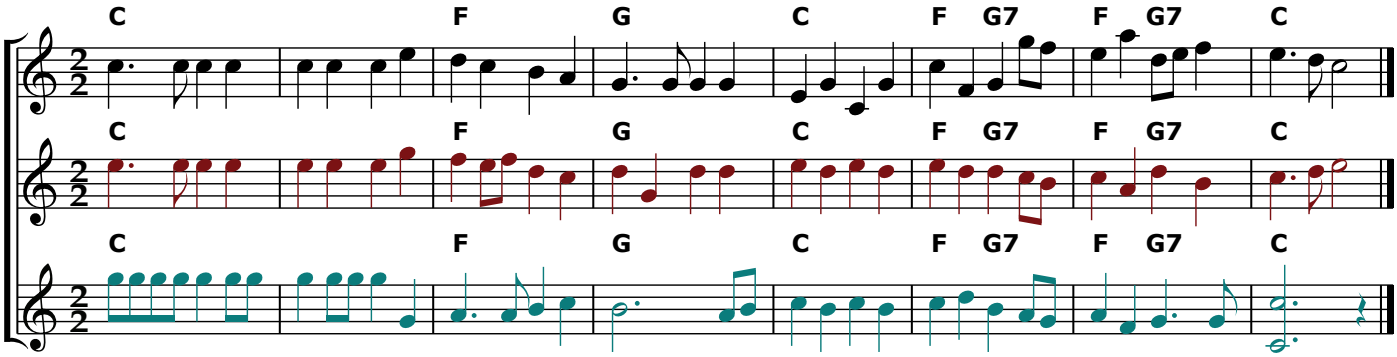
March
♩= 110

Christchurch Bells [C]

Hark the Bonny Christchurch Bells

Trad. Playford 1679/1721

England
24-bar round or three-part 8-bar tune



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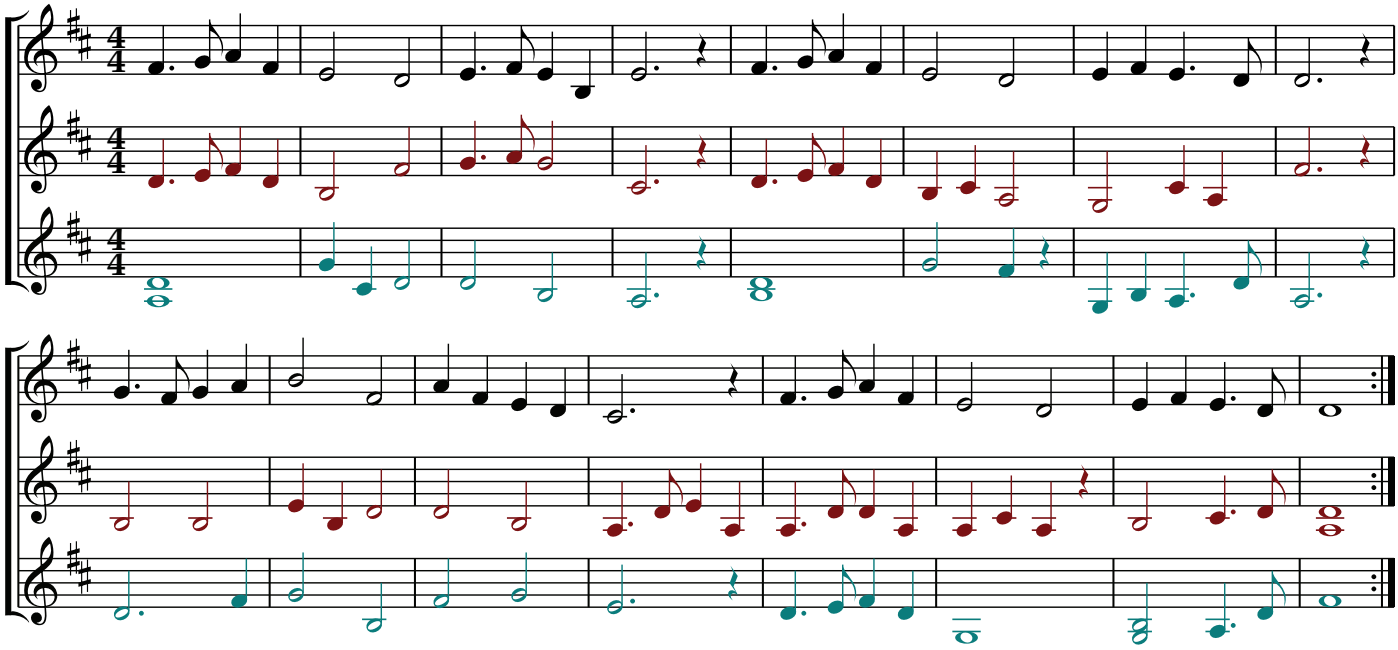
In the Bleak Midwinter in D

Gustav Holst 1906
England



March
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In the Bleak Midwinter in G

Gustav Holst 1906
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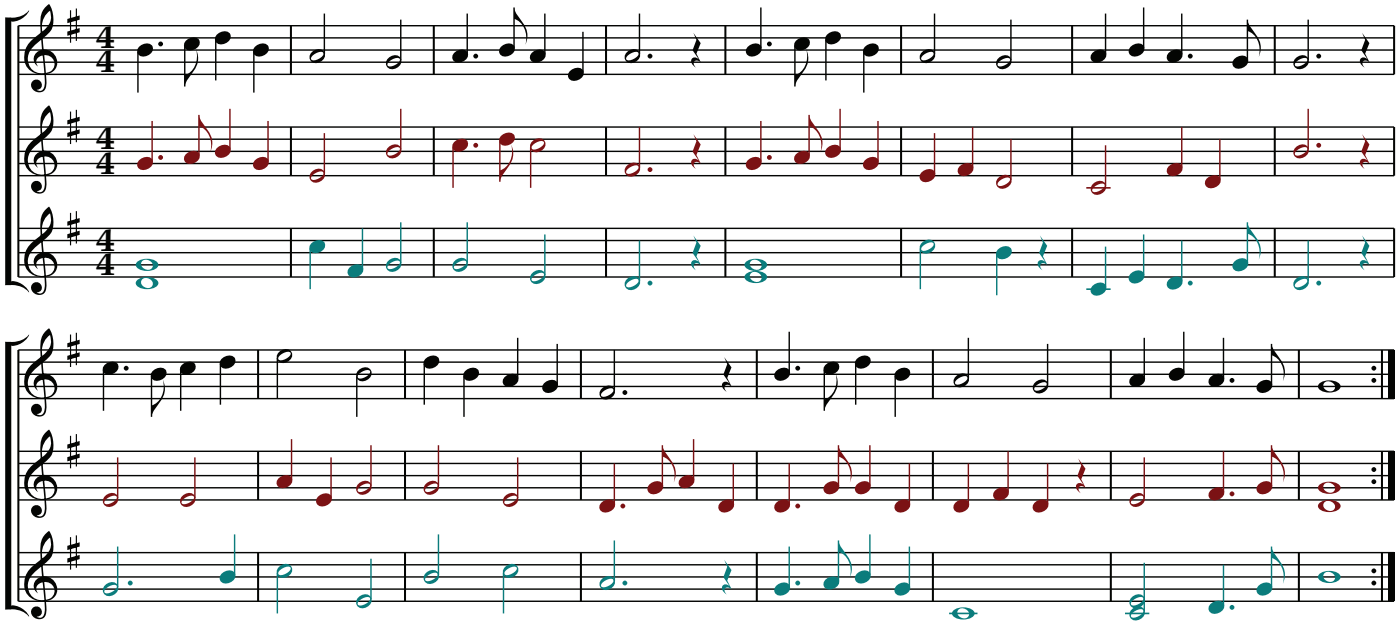

March
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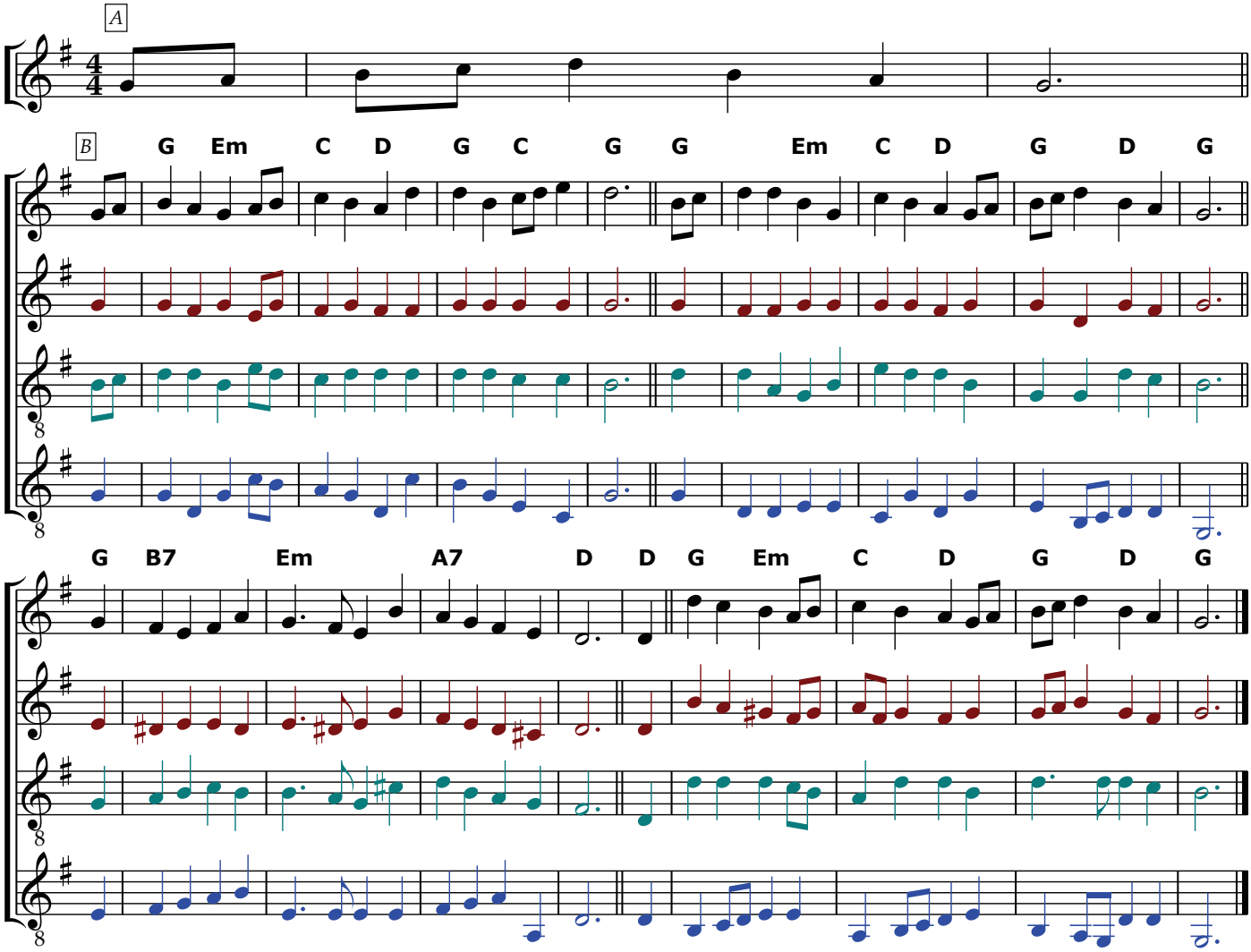
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

A Sullivan after Trad.
England



It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:

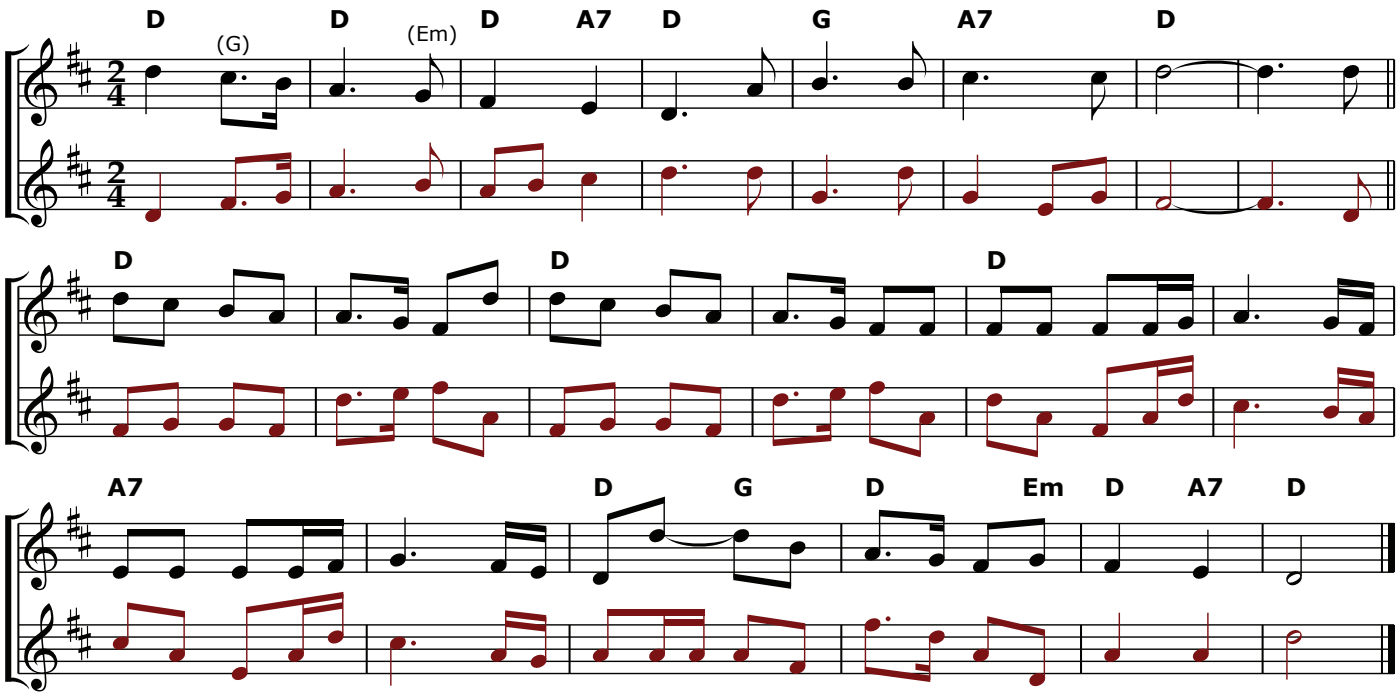
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

(Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849)

March
♩= 100

Joy to the World

Lowell Mason 1848 after Handel 1842
Arr Clive Du'Mont 2018.
USA

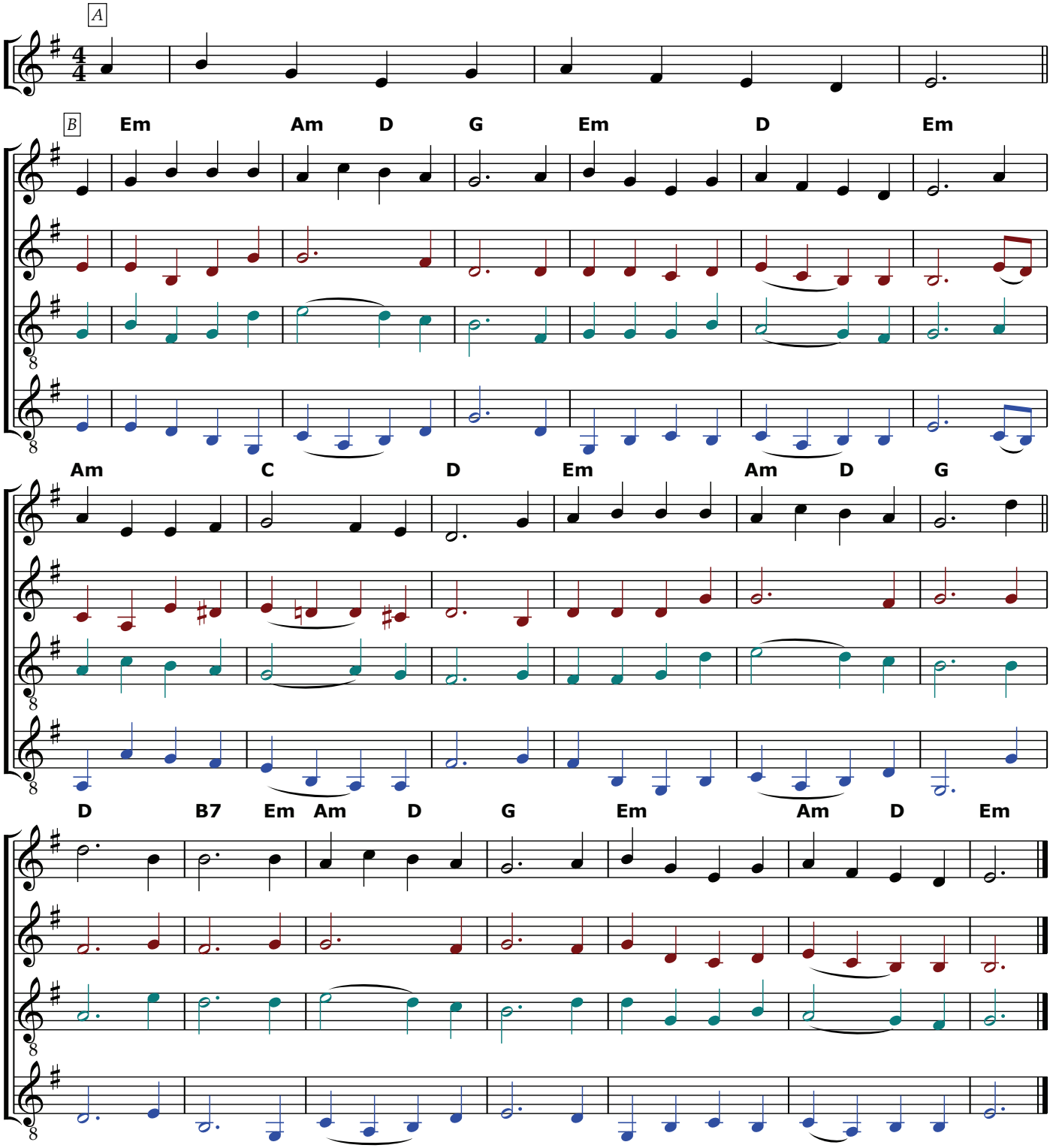


March
AB2
♩= 120

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Trad. 15C, Arr Anderson (PD)
France



O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

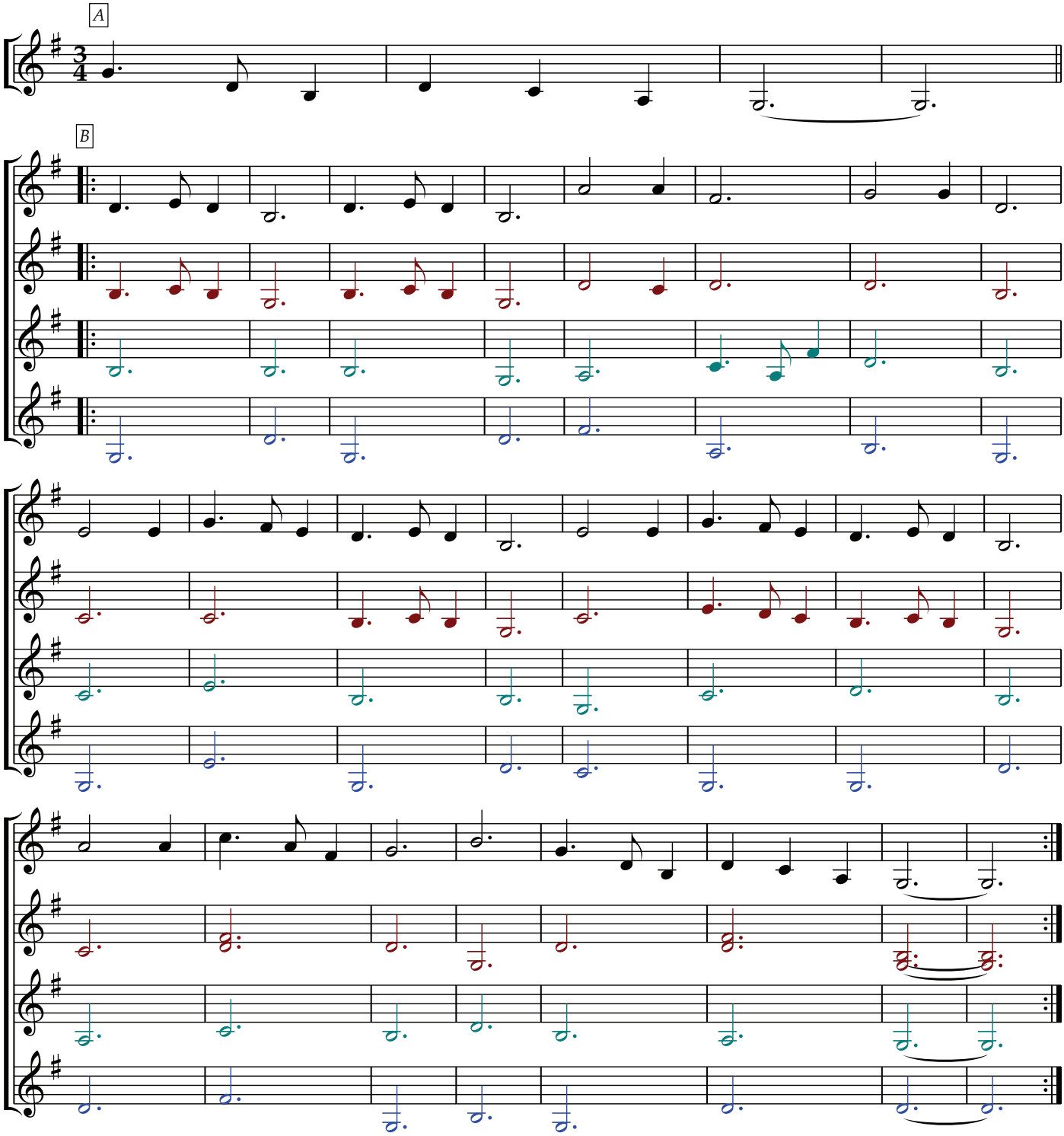
(Trans. John Neale of 12C Veni, veni, Emmanuel)

Air
AB2
♩= 100

Silent Night

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818
Austria



Air
AB2
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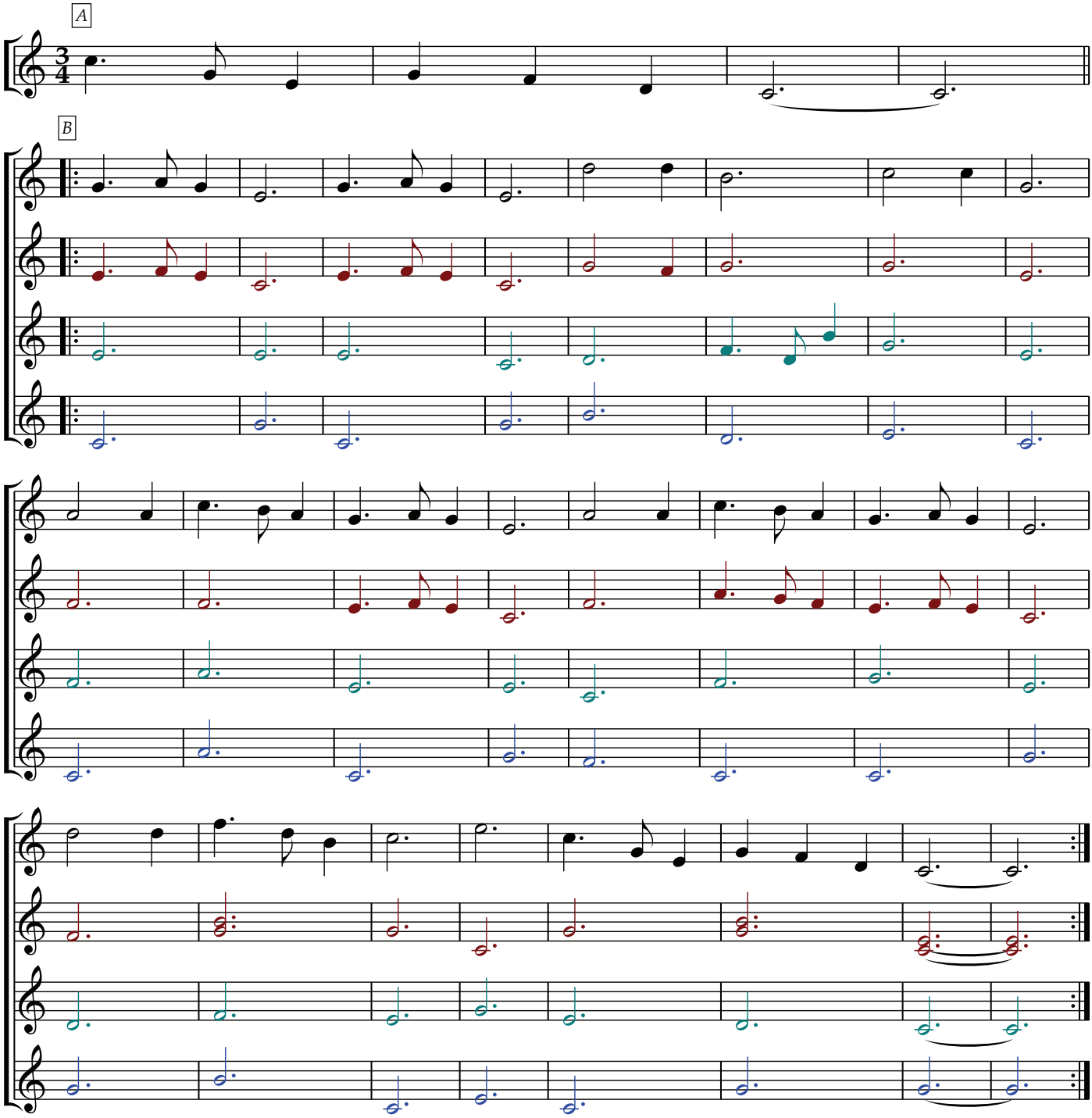
Silent Night in C

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818
Austria



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