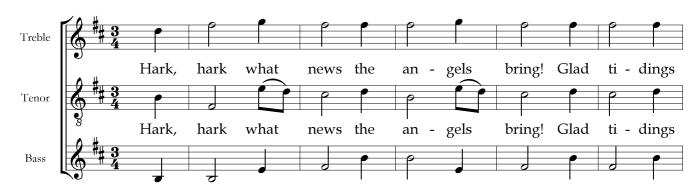
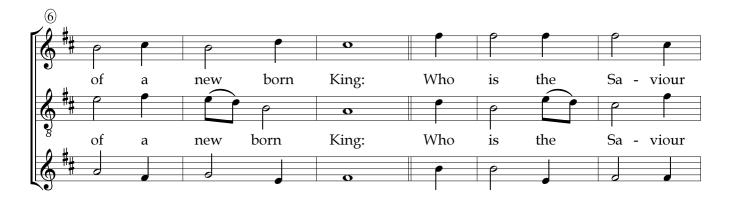
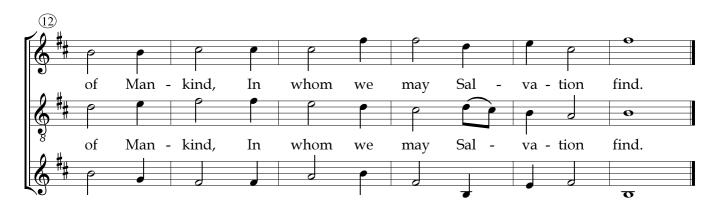
John Sreeve: The Oxfordshire Harmony, vol. III, 1741







- Hark, hark what news the angels bring!
 Glad tydings of a new born King:
 Who is the Saviour of Mankind,
 In whom we may Salvation find.
- 2. This is the blest auspicious morn,
 On which our Saviour Christ was born:
 Learn thou, my soul, thy Saviour's birth,
 And celebrate the day with mirth.
- He also for thy sake did die,
 That thou might'st be exalted high:
 Do thou his Suff'rings bear in mind,
 That thou may'st sure salvation find.
- To God the Father, & the Son, Be Glory, as it first begun: Also the Holy Ghost adore, In Hallelujahs evermore.

John Sreeve's first publication was The Divine Musick Scholar's Guide, published in 1740 by A Pearson in London. An advertisment in the Northampton Mercury of 13 July 1741 stated 'Composed by Mr. John Sreeve, teacher of the same.' A second edition of the same book (with an additional anthem) was advertised in the Birmingham Gazette on 14 December 1741. The Oxfordshire Harmony was his second publication in 1741, the book being published by no other than William Tans'ur in London. BL Ref: A.516. However, only a small proportion of the tunes were by him, the rest being collected from elsewhere. Tune 1644 in Temperley's Hymn Tune Index, and originally in G Minor.

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