

# GAUDETE

PREVIEW

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A RENAISSANCE CAROL

For SATB Voices

10 Handbells

Finger Cymbals and Tabor

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Verses: Joseph S. Cook

*Piae Cantiones*, 1582  
Arr. by Robert J. Batastini

*Bells used (10):*



**Dance-like** ♩ = ca. 100  
**Refrain**

*f*

Gau - de - te, gau - de - te, us

ex Ma - ri - gau - de - te.

Gau - de - te, Chri - stus est na - tus

*Finger cym*

*f*  
*Tabor*

**Performance Note:** This piece is quick, rhythmic and dance-like. The verses and refrain may connect precisely as written without rest or pause, or a one-beat rest may be inserted (in rhythm) between the refrain and verse. The refrain is sung twice each time: first unison, then in harmony. An effective performance idea is to alternate verses between men and women, with men singing the unison refrain following each verse by the women, and vice versa.

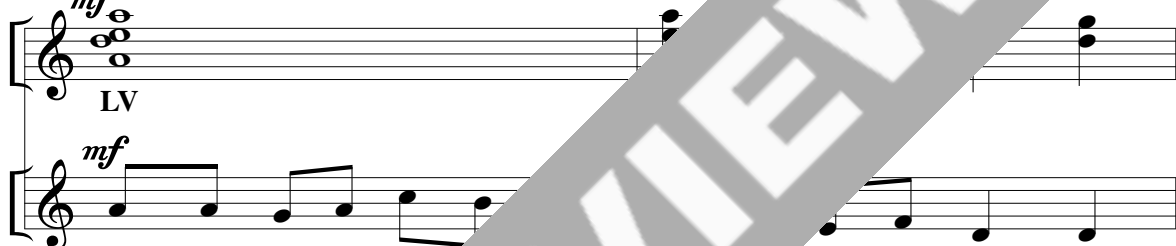
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ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne, gau - de - te.

## Verses

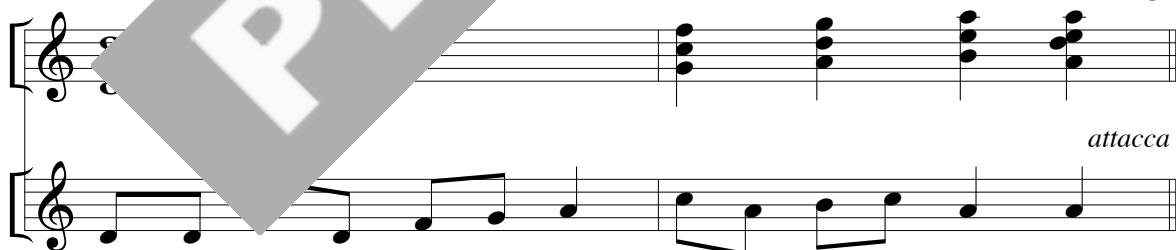
*mf* Handbells


LV

*mf*

1. Gen - tle Mar - y laid in a man - ger;
2. Such a babe in swaddling clothes he be the Sav - ior?
3. An - gels sang a - round him men sought and found him.
4. Shep - herds saw the child and the an - gels sing - ing.
5. Gen - tle Mar - y bore him low - ly in a man - ger;
6. Son of God he was called Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry!

## D.C.



*attacca*

1. There he lay, the un - de - filed, To the world a stran - ger.
2. Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his fa - vor.
3. Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, Glo - ry all a - round him!
4. All the plains were lit that night; All the hills were ring - ing.
5. He is still the un - de - filed, But no more a stran - ger.
6. Praise his name in all the earth, Hail the King of glo - ry!