

# HODIE CHRISTUS NATUS EST

Text: Vespers Antiphon for Christmas  
Trans. and adapt. by MMB

Music: Traditional Chant  
Adapted by Michael M. Birkley

3 octaves  
Handbells used: 22



Andante ♩ = 78

Voices

Smoothly, flowing

Handbells or  
\* Keyboard

*mp* LV LV LV LV LV LV LV LV  
Red. \* Red. \* Red. \* Red. \* Red. \* Red. \* Red. \* Red.

**Refrain**  
Smoothly, flowing  
*mp*

3

Hó - di - e, hó - di - e, hó - di - e, hó - di - e

*mf*

*simile*

6

*f* Chri - stus na - tus est. *mf* Christ is born,

\*Piano, harp, synthesizer, bells, vibraphone, glockenspiel. A separate Handbell part is available from the publisher, G-5391HB.

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9 *f*

Christ is born, Christ is born to us this

11

day!

**Verse 1\***

*Slightly faster* ♩ = 82

14 *unis.* *div.*

Hó - di - e, in ter - ra ca - nunt Án - ge - li,  
On - the earth to - day, the an - gels sing his praise,

16 *unis.*

et in cae - lo, lae -  
and in the heav'ns a - bove, the

18 *div.* 1. 2.

tán - tur Arch - án - ge - li:  
arch - an - gels sing, re - joic - ing:

\*Performance note: verses maybe sung in Latin only (preferred) or English only, omitting repeats; or in Latin, repeated in English.

**Refrain**

21

*Part I*

Hó - di-e, hó - di-e, hó-di-e, hó-di - e

*Part II*

Hó - di-e, hó-di-e, hó-di - e

24

Chri - stus na - tus est. Christ is born,

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26

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