

# TWO AFRICAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

## GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Words: Verse 1, original  
Verses 2 and 3 by John L. Bell

Tune: KIKONGO  
Zambian traditional  
Arr. by John L. Bell

**Energetically** ♩ = 84

*Solo mf*

Here's good news for ev - 'ry-one: great hap - pi-ness is

4  
ours! Re - joice and be glad for the Sav-ior has come to the

7  
earth from God.

*S,A unis. mf*

Good news for ev - 'ry-one: great

*T,B unis. mf*

10  
hap - pi-ness is ours! Re - joice and be glad for the

*div. f*

*div. f*

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Sav - ior has come to the earth from God.

*Solo* 16

1. With— won - drous love de - spite our sin,  
 2. See— how God's love sleeps— sound in hay;  
 3. So— let our voic - es— sing out long;

Re -

20

joice and be glad for the Sav - ior has come to the earth from God.

23

(1) God— sought our faith - less— hearts to  
 (2) the— Christ child brings heav'n— here to  
 (3) God's— gift is worth our— fin - est

# POOR FOLK HEAR HIM GLADLY

Words: Tom Colvin

Tune: TAMKWIMBA KWA YESU  
 Music: Jessie Nyagondwe  
 Arr. by John L. Bell

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$

*Flute*

5

10

*tr*

*tr*

16

§ Verses

*Solo or unison voices*

1. In Beth - le - hem of Ju - dah, a -  
 (2. The) work - ers of the fields came to  
 (3. He) came to bring a new way of  
 (4. The) hun - gry, poor, or sin - ful, or  
 (5. So) wel - come to the morn - ing of

§

*Optional hum*

**Note:** This is a straightforward and lively carol from Malawi. If sung in unison, different cantors can take a verse and the chorus can be divided, women singing lines 1 and 3, men singing 2 and 4.

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mong the ver - y poor - est, a child was born of  
greet the King of Heav - en; the clev - er, rich, and  
liv - ing with each oth - er, by shar - ing and by  
those whose lives are bro - ken, can find in him their  
bless - ed Ye - su's birth - day. Let's give our - selves to

22

Mar - y, of all God's gifts the rich - est.  
haught - y knew noth - ing of his birth then.  
lov - ing and serv - ing one an - oth - er.  
free - dom and glo - ry as God's chil - dren.  
Ye - su and live for - ev - er his way.

**Refrain**

25

Poor folk hear him glad - ly: yours will be the king - dom.