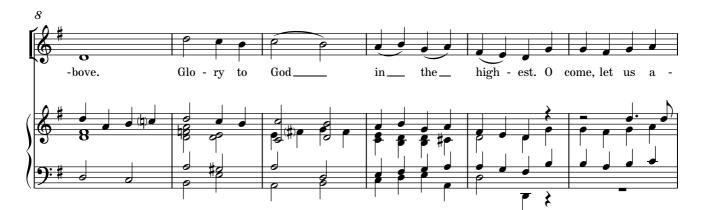
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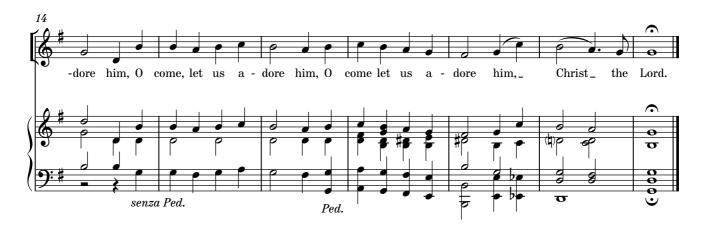
Organ accompaniment by Sir John Stainer (1840 - 1901)

John Stainer incorporated the sixth verse of this hymn into his Christmas anthem, *I Desired Wisdom*. The choir sings in unison above his organ harmonisation. It is notable for the chords in bars 9 and 10, which seem to have been referenced by David Willcocks in his now more famous rendering of verse seven, transcribed in *Carols for Choirs*. A recording of King's in the 1950s under Boris Ord also contains that sequence, so it must have been a tradition to elaborate on Stainer's original, which Willcocks carried forward.

Stainer's anthem has the hymn in A major, and the final chord does not resolve, but introduces new thematic material and text. The music has been transposed down to the more familiar key, and the final chord altered.







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