

From Virgin's womb this day

A carol for Christmas day

Francis Kindermarsh (fl.1570s)

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Medius (part 2 of 5)

Songs of sundrie natures (Thomas East press, London, 1589)

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From Vir-gin's womb this day, this day did spring
This day to man came pledge of per - fect peace,
In Christ his flock let love be sure - ly placed,
O sing un - to this glit - t'ring glo - rious king,

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The pre - cious_ seed that on - ly sa - ved man, This day let man re - joyce
This day to_ man came love and u - ni - ty, This day man's grief be - gan
From Christ his flock let con - cord hate ex - pel, Of Christ his flock let love
O praise his name let e - v'ry li - ving thing, Let heart and voice like bells

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and sweet - ly sing Since on this day our Sa - vi - our first be - gan. This
for to_ sur - cease, This day did man re - ceive a_ re - me - dy For
be so_ em - braced, As we in Christ, and Christ in_ us may dwell. Christ
of sil - ver ring The com - fort that this day to_ man doth bring: Let

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day, this day did Christ man's soul_ from death re - move With glo - ri - ous Saints to
each, for each of - fence and e - v'ry dead - ly sin With guil - ty heart that erst
is, Christ is the au - thor of_ sweet u - ni - ty, From whence pro - cee - deth
Lute, let Lute, let Shalm, with sound_ of sweet de - light These joys of_ Christ his

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dwell in Heav'n a - bove, with glo - ri - ous Saints_ to dwell in Heav'n a - bove, a - bove.
 he wan - der - ed in, with guil - ty heart that_ erst he wan - der - ed in.
 all fe - li - ci - ty, from whence pro - cee - deth all fe - li - ci - ty.
 birth this day re - cite, These joys of_ Christ his birth this day re - cite, re - cite.