

Boston

William Billings 1778
The Singing Master's Assistant

TREBLE

COUNTER

TENOR

BASS

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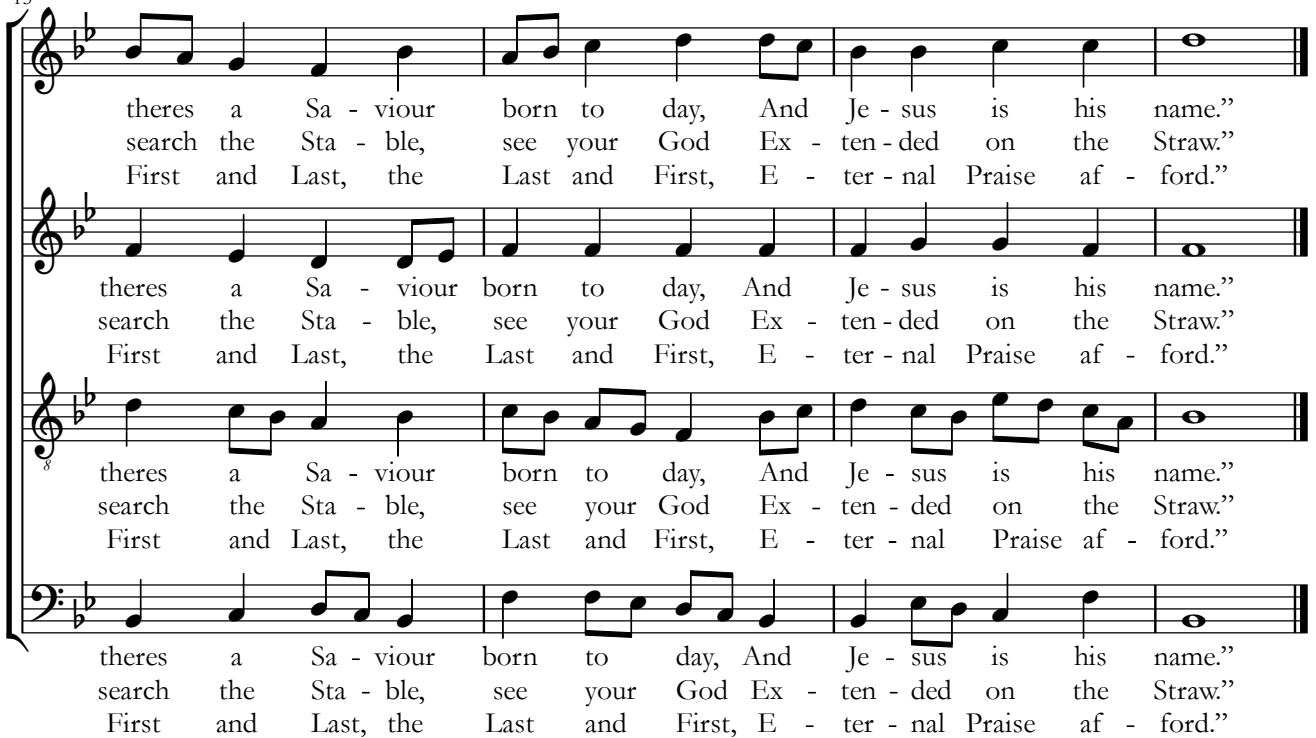
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4. Exult ye Oxen, low for Joy,
Ye Tenants of the Stall,
Pay your Obeisance; on your Knees
Unanimously fall.
The Royal Fuest you entertain
Is not of common Birth,
But second in the Great I am;
The God of Heav'n and Earth'

5. Then suddenly a Heav'nly Host
Around the Shepherds throng,
Exulting in the threefold God
And thus address their Song:
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