

18. Come to This Christmas Singing!

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 Unison

1. Come to this Christ - mas sing - ing! come to a
 2. Wealth of our land and wa - ter, rich - es of
 3. Here where the sheep are graz - ing, where sum - mer

birth - day, bring - ing gifts from our coun - try's treas - ure,
 race and cul - ture—these be our gold and in - cense
 sun is blaz - ing, har - vests for oth - ers rip - en,

beau - ty of shell and stone: wis - dom the old have
 of - fered for Christ - mas Day: where we make peace, de -
 food for the world can grow: Christ of a cold De -

taught us, laugh - ter the young have brought us, love to sur -
 clare it, where we have much, let's share it, *a - ro - ha
 cem - ber, quick - en us to re - mem - ber pov - er - ty

*aroha = love

round a man - ger, mak - ing this child our own.
 warm our hearts, and a - ro - ha be our way.
 in a sta - ble, need, like the sting of snow.

1. Come to this Christmas singing!
 come to a birthday, bringing
 gifts from our country's treasure,
 beauty of shell and stone:
 wisdom the old have taught us,
 laughter the young have brought us,
 love to surround a manger,
 making this child our own.

2. Wealth of our land and water,
 riches of race and culture—
 these be our gold and incense
 offered for Christmas Day:
 where we make peace, declare it,
 where we have much, let's share it,
 aroha warm our hearts,
 and aroha be our way.

3. Here where the sheep are grazing,
 where summer sun is blazing,
 harvests for others ripen,
 food for the world can grow:
 Christ of a cold December,
 quicken us to remember
 poverty in a stable,
 need, like the sting of snow.

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