## A Christmas Anthem.



Let war its clamour still, and sheat's the sword, And sceptred potentates their homage lead; In Bethlehem's lowly shade, behold the Lord! Adoring, bow the knee, your praises blend.

That natal morn redeems all other days,
The blessed advent of the Christian year;
It smiles on all, munificent with grace,
A light from heaven reaching far and near,

Ye sons of wealth, your goodliest treasures bring,
To pining haunts of poverty repair;
Lay out your tribute to the new-born King;
The poor of earth are His peculiar care.

Yea, stoop to cheer the wretched and the vile;
Grudge not a hand to succour and to save;
He stooped for you, poor slaves of sin and guile,
And bowed His head to sorrow and the grave.