O for a lay!

_Easter Carol_

Mit Freuden zart (Bohemian Bretheren, 1566)  
arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

1. O for a lay! For on this day, Christ is restored to life, the Lord, This day, the first of the seven Monarch of earth and of heaven.

2. Fair was the morn when Christ was born, But fairer yet is the morrow, When from the dead uprose our Head, Ending our night-time of sorrow. And from the light of Easter bright We, ash and dust, sure hope and trust of our agen-rising borrow.

3. So, man, rejoice, uplift thy voice, Alle-Alle-Alleluya. Soothly 'tis time to clang the chime, Alle-Alle-Alleluya. Sirs, pray you sing to Christ our King, Who, lately slain, is ris'n again; Alle-Alle-Alleluya.

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