O for a lay!

_Easter Carol_

Mit Freudeun zart (Bohemian Brethren, 1566)

arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

1. O for a lay! For on this day, This day, the first of the seven
   Fair was the mom when Christ was born, But für-er yet is the mor-row,
   So, man, re-joice, up-lift thy voice, Al-le-Al-le-Al-le-lu-ya.

2. Christ is re-stored to life, the Lord, Mon-arch of earth and of hea-ven.
   When from the dead up-rose our Head, End-ing our night-time of sor-row.
   Sooth-ly, 'tis time to clang the chime, Al-le-Al-le-Al-le-lu-ya.

3. De-feat-ed hell, and death as well, On East-er E’en our God is seen
   And from the light of Eas-ter bright We, ash and dust, sure hope and trust
   Sirs, pray you sing to Christ our King, Who, late-ly slain, is ris’n a-gain;

4. Stand-ing a-mid the E-le-ven.
   of our a-gen-rising bor-row.
   Al-le-Al-le-Al-le-lu-ya.