

Handel MESSIAH

\*PART I\*

RECITATIVE. (Accompanied - Tenor)  
Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith  
your God; speak ye comfortably to  
Jerusalem; and cry unto her, that her  
warfare is accomplished, that her  
iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him  
that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye  
the way of the Lord: make straight in the  
desert a highway for our God.

AIR (Tenor)

Every valley shall be exalted, and every  
mountain and hill made low, the crooked  
straight and the rough places plain.

CHORUS

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a  
Son is given, and the government shall  
be upon His shoulder; and His name  
shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The Mighty God, The Everlasting  
Father, The Prince of Peace.

RECITATIVE. (Soprano)

There were shepherds abiding in the  
field, keeping watch over their flock by  
night.

RECITATIVE. (Accompanied)

And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon  
them, and the glory of the Lord shone  
round about them, and they were sore  
afraid.

RECITATIVE. (Soprano)

And the angel said unto them, Fear not;  
for behold I bring you good tidings of  
great joy, which shall be to all people;  
for unto you is born this day in the City  
of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the  
Lord.

RECITATIVE. (Accompanied)

And suddenly there was with the angel a  
multitude of the heavenly host, praising  
God and saying:

CHORUS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace  
on earth, goodwill towards men.

AIR. (Soprano)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold,  
thy King cometh unto thee! He is the  
righteous Saviour, and He shall speak  
peace unto the heathen.

CHORUS

Hallelujah: for the Lord God  
Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of  
this world has become the kingdom of  
our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall  
reign for ever and ever. King of Kings,  
and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!