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Earth today rejoices

"Ave maris stella"
Piae Cantiones 1582
arr D G M

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a steady bass line and a more active upper line.

The second system of musical notation continues from the first. It begins with a measure number '6' above the first staff. The notation includes a repeat sign with first and second endings. The key signature changes to two sharps (F# and C#) in the second ending.

The third system of musical notation begins with a measure number '12' above the first staff. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first staff. The system concludes with a double bar line.

1. Earth today rejoices,
Alleluia, alleluia alleluia,
Death can hurt no more;
And celestial voices,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Tell that sin is o'er.
David's sling destroys the foe:
Samson lays the temple low:
*War and strife are done;
God and man are one.*

2. Reconciliation,
Alleluia ,alleluia, alleluia,
Peace that lasts for aye,
Gladness and salvation,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Came on Christmas day.
Gideon's fleece is wet with dew:
Solomon is crowned anew:
Refrain

3. Though the cold grows stronger,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Though the world loves night;
Yet the days grow longer,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Christ is born our light.
Now the dial's type is learnt:
Burns the bush that is not burnt:
Refrain

