

An Archive of the musical compositions by Herb Bielawa

Composition: **Advent Song** – SATB Chorus with optional keyboard

Date: 1965

Duration: 2:13

Recording: a Houston middle school choir

Program Note:

Written for a Houston middle school choir during the Ford Foundation Contemporary Music Project in 1965.

Text:

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set That people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find out rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.