

# Christ before Us

SUO GAN, 87 87 D, Welsh Melody

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Keyboard accompaniment by Mark J. Sullivan

## INTRO *Adagio* (♩ = ca. 76)

Organ

D Dmaj7 Em/D G6/A A#o7 Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D

## VERSES

Descant

2-4. Oo

Melody

1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side us, Christ to guide us all our days.
2. May we be for one that you would have us be.
3. God be - fore us through the ages; Christ be - side us here to - day.
- \*4. O Re-deem-er, fill your ser-va with your words of last - ing life.

D Dmaj7 Em/D D Dmaj7 G6/A D

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\*Chrism Mass Verse.

2-4. Oo

1. He to car - ry all our sor - rows, he to bear us per - fect grace.  
 2. May we live your law kind - ness, love, com - pas - sion, char - i - ty.  
 3. Spir - it, lead us forth - ev - er; guide and help us all our days.  
 4. Give to those with hands heal - ing love trans - cend - ing pain and strife.

F#m/D Em7 G6/A A Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D

2-4. Oo

1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend and Broth - er, In - ter - ces - sor, Son of God,  
 2. May we climb your ho - ly moun - tain; may we see your ho - ly face!  
 3. Christ the Sav - ior, God and Fa - ther, Great Cre - a - tor, Spir - it blest!  
 4. Make us lov - ing sons and daugh - ters; make us ho - ly, kind and true,

F#m7/C# Bm A/C# D Bm7 Bm7 Gmaj7 Asus4 A

*a tempo*

2-4. Oo

1, 3, Final

*a tempo*

1. save your peo - ple in our dy - ing, and in ris - ing, con - quer  
 2. Vis - it now this hum - ble dwell - ing; dwell with - in this  
 3. Ho - ly Three - in - One come and be our wel - come  
 4. sent to la - bor for your King - dom — rest - less till we rest in

D Dmaj7 Em/D G6/A A#° Bm Gmaj7 G6/A

*a tempo*

1, 3, Final

*D.S.* 2 *D.S.*

3, 4. — 2.

*D.S.* 2 *D.S.*

1. death. ... ly place.  
 3. guest.  
 4. you.

Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D *D.S.* (∞) (*Fine*) D Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D *D.S.*

*rit. last time*

## Composer Notes

This beautiful melody gained popularity when James Rainbird and the Ambrosian Junior Choir performed it on the soundtrack of the Steven Spielberg film *Empire of the Sun*. In the film, the song is lipsynched by a thirteen-year-old Christian Bale.

The much older original tune is that of the Welsh lullaby “Suo Gân.” The text is one that can be sung for a variety of occasions, and the tune is sufficiently familiar as to invite instant participation when the assembly includes people from diverse liturgical backgrounds. This adaptation includes a verse suitable for use at the Christm

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SAMPLE

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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## INTRO *Adagio* (♩ = ca. 76)

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(Keyboard)

## VERSES

D Dmaj7 Em/D A/D D Dmaj7

1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side \_\_\_\_\_ Christ to guide us  
2. May we be for on \_\_\_\_\_ all that you would  
3. God be - fore us through the a - ges; \_\_\_\_\_ Christ be - side us  
\*4. O Re - deem - er, fill your ser - vants \_\_\_\_\_ with your words of

G6/A D F#m/D Em7 G6/A A

1. all our days. He to car - ry all our sor - rows, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. have us be. May we live your law of kind - ness, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. here to - day. S \_\_\_\_\_ forth for - ev - er; \_\_\_\_\_  
4. last - ing life. Give to those with hands of heal - ing \_\_\_\_\_

Bm Gmaj7 G6/A F#m7/C#

1. he to bear us per - fect grace. Je - sus, Sav - ior,  
2. love, com - pas - sion, char - i - ty. May we climb your  
3. guide and help us all our days. Christ the Sav - ior,  
4. love trans - cend - ing pain and strife. Make us lov - ing

Bm A/C# D F#m7 Bm7 Gmaj7 rit. Asus4 A

1. Friend \_\_\_\_\_ and Broth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. ho - ly moun-tain; \_\_\_\_\_ may we see your ho - ly face! \_\_\_\_\_  
3. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Liv - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ great - e - a - tor, Spir - it blest! \_\_\_\_\_  
4. sons \_\_\_\_\_ and daugh-ters; \_\_\_\_\_ take us ho - ly, kind and true, \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Chrim Mass Verse.

D Dmaj7 Em/D G6/A A#7 Bm Gmaj7  
*a tempo*

1. save your peo - ple in your dy - ing, and in ris - ing,  
 2. Vis - it now this hum - ble dwell - ing; dwell with - in this  
 3. Ho - ly Three - in - One Im - mor - tal come and be our  
 4. sent to la - bor for your ling - dom rest - less till we

1, 3, Final  
 G6/A Bm G6/A rit. last time D (♩) D.S. (Fine)

1. con - quer death.  
 3. wel - come guest.  
 4. rest in you.

2  
 G6/A D Bm Gmaj7 G6/A D D.S.

2. ho - ly place.

# WELCOME

## Assembly Edition

**CHRIST BEFORE US**

Traditional Welsh Melody: *Suo Gân*

1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side us,  
 2. May we be for or an - oth - er  
 3. God be - fore us through the a - ges;  
 4. O Re - de your ser - vants

1. Christ to guide us all our days He to car - ry  
 2. all that you would have us be May we live your  
 3. Christ be - side us here to - day Spir - it, lead us  
 4. with your words of Give to those with

1. all our sor - rows he to bear us per - fect grace.  
 2. law of kind - ness love, com - pas - sion, char - i - ty.  
 3. forth for - ev - er; guide and help us all our days.  
 4. hands of heal - ing love trans - cend - ing pain and strife.

1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, and Broth - er, In - ter - ces - sor,  
 2. May we climb your ho - ly moun - tain; may we see your  
 3. Christ the Sav - ior, God al - liv - ing, Great Cre - a - tor,  
 4. Make us lov - ing sons and daugh - ters; make us ho - ly,

1. Son of God, save your peo - ple in your dy - ing,  
 2. ho - ly face! Vis - it now this hum - ble dwell - ing;  
 3. Spir - it blest! Ho - ly Three - One Im - mor - tal,  
 4. kind and true, sent to us for your King - dom -

1. and in ris - ing, con - qu - er death.  
 2. dwell with - in this ho - ly place;  
 3. come and be our wel - come guest.  
 4. rest - less till we rest in you.

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