

Rise Up, Children, Arise! – Derived from the traditional spiritual, “Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow,” I put a spin on the words to incentivize all of God’s children to rise up and go see this Baby born in Bethlehem. The slower opening section is sung by a soloist introducing the piece but the balance of the music is for choir. The women and men sing a little call-and-response section that has some light syncopation, but it all settles once “Go, Tell It On the Mountain” enters. The idea here is to provide familiar tunes paired with some original words and music, but to excite and invigorate the singers and listeners alike to actively respond to the news of this Baby born in Bethlehem!

—*Mary McDonald*

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RISE UP, CHILDREN, ARISE!

for S.A.T.B. voices and solo, accompanied*

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Incorporating Spirituals:
"Rise Up, Shepherd" and
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Soulful (♩. = ca. 62)

mf

SOLO

Rise _____ up! Rise _____ up! _____

ACCOMP. *mf*

3

Rise up, _____ chil - dren, and fol - low!

5

Rise _____ up! Rise _____ up! _____

* From the Christmas cantata *Darkness into Light* (42933).

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Lively (♩ = ca. 86)

(end solo)

7

Rise up! Chil-dren, a - rise!

11

S. 12 *mf* Rise up,

A.

T. *mf*

B. There's a Ba - by born in Beth - le - hem;

15

chil - dren! Rise up, chil - dren, a -

and a star will lead us straight - to Him.

19

20

rise! Take each oth - er by _____ the hand.

Fol - low,

23

Go and tell _____ the news to ev - 'ry land!

chil - dren!

Rise up, chil - dren, a -

27

28

Go and _____ tell _____ that He is born!

rise!

Go and _____ tell _____ that He is born! He is born!

Tell the news this joy - ful morn!

mf Take each oth - er by the hand. Go and tell -

mf Rise up, chil - dren! Fol - low, chil - dren!

mf

the news to ev - 'ry land!

Rise up, chil - dren. Rise up, chil - dren, a - rise!

44

f

Take each oth - er by _____ the hand. Go and tell_

f

Rise up, chil - dren! Fol - low, chil - dren!

48

_____ the news to ev - 'ry land! Rise up, chil - dren, a - rise!

Rise up, chil - dren! Rise up, chil - dren, a - rise!

52

** mf*

Rise _____ up! Fol - low! Rise up,

mf

Rise _____ up! Fol - low! Rise up,

mf

57

fol - low!

cresc.

chil - dren, and

fol - low,

fol - low!

Fol - low the

cresc.

61

star now to Beth - le - hem!

Rise up, chil-dren, a -

66

rise!

Go,

tell it on the moun -

68

71

tain; o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where!

76

Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus

81

84

Christ is born! Chil - dren, go,

tell it on the moun - tain; o - ver the

hills and ev - 'ry - where! Chil - dren, go,

tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ_ is

98

born!

100

born, is born! Rise, chil - dren,

103

ff

a - rise!

ff

ff

107

no rit.

A

rise!

no rit.

no rit.

no rit.