

Go, Tell It on the Mountain is a traditional spiritual arranged by Lloyd Larson for a cappella voices in a light swing style. Inspired by the nativity story, it creates a vivid picture of the hillside scene one evening near Bethlehem long ago. The angel chorus, in radiant glory, announced the birth of the Prince of Peace to the shepherds tending their flocks. In performance, the joyous energy of the refrain, “Go, tell it on the mountain,” should contrast the flowing pastoral nature of the verses (measures 23-32 and 40-48).

This spiritual is appropriate for performance by both school and church choirs. When performed in Christmas worship, it may be coordinated with many seasonal lectionary readings, including Psalm 97, Isaiah 62:11-12, Luke 2:1-20 and Titus 3:4-7. One basic homiletical theme is spreading throughout the world the good news of the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lloyd Larson earned a B.A. from Anderson University of Anderson, Indiana, in 1976 and a M.C.M. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1979. He has done additional graduate work at Southern Baptist Seminary, The Ohio State University, and Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois.

Since 1982, Lloyd has been an active composer and arranger for several major publishing companies of church and school music. His compositions and arrangements include well over 1,500 published works—including choral anthems, numerous extended Christmas, Easter, and non-seasonal works, keyboard collections, vocal solo and duet collections, solo and ensemble instrumental works, orchestrations and handbell settings. The resulting recognition has placed him in constant demand as a clinician throughout North America.

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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for S.A.B. voices, a cappella, with opt. descant*

Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by
LLOYD LARSON

Swing, lightly and energetically ($\text{♩} = 108-116$)

SOPRANO
ALTO

BARITONE

mp

Go, and tell it! Tell it on the moun - tain!

3

mp

Go, tell it on the

Go, and tell it! Tell it on the moun - tain! Go, and tell it! Tell _

6

moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where.

— it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where. Now,

9

Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ_ is born..

go, and tell it! Tell it on the mount that Je - sus Christ!

* To purchase a full-length performance recording (46510) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads.
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Go, and tell it! Tell it on the mountain!

14

Go, and tell it! Tell it on the mountain!

mf

16

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and

mf

Go, and tell it! Tell it on the mountain, over the hills and

mp

19

ev - 'ry - where. Go, tell it on the mountain - tain that

mp

ev - 'ry - where. Now, go, and tell it! Tell it on the mount that

mf

legato [24]

22

Je - sus Christ_ is born.

While shep-herds kept their watch-ing
The shep-herds feared and trem - bled when,

mf

Je - sus Christ is born.

26

si - lent flocks by night,
lo! a - bove the earth
be - hold, through-out the heav - ens
rang out the an - gel cho - rus
there that

30

shone a ho - ly light.
hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

Don't you know it's time³ to

[33]

Go, tell__ it on the moun - tain,
o - ver the hills and
Go, and tell it! Tell__ it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

36

ev - ery - where__ Go, tell__ it on the moun - - tain__ that
ev - ery - where. Now, go, and tell it! Tell__ it on the mount that

39

Je - sus Christ_ is born.
Down in a low - ly man - ger the
Je - sus Christ is born.

[41]
legato, very freely

hum - ble Christ was born, and God sent us sal - va - tion that

rit.

49

a tempo

bless - ed Christ-mas morn._____

Don't you know it's time ³ toDESCANT (*solo or a few high voices*)

mf

Go and tell it on the mountain, o - ver the hills and

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

Go and tell it! Tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ry - where..

Go and tell it on the mount that

ev - 'ry - where..

Go, tell it on the moun - tain that

ev - 'ry - where. Now, go, and tell it! Tell it on the mount that

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sfs

ff ³

Je - sus Christ is born.____ Go now and tell the news that Je - sus

sfs

ff ³

Je - sus Christ is born.____ Go now and tell the news that Je - sus

sfs

ff ³

Je - sus Christ is born.____ Go now and tell the news that Je - sus

59

*molto rit.**p a tempo**cresc.*

Christ, the Sav - ior is born!_____

*molto rit.**p tempo**cresc.*

Christ, the Sav - ior is born!_____

Christ, Je - sus the Sav - ior is; go, and tell it! Tell _____

62

*f**no rit.*

Je - sus Christ is born!_____

*f**no rit.*

Je - sus Christ is born!_____

f

— it on the moun - tain! Je - sus Christ is born._____