Variations on "Vom Himmel Hoch"

for organ

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From heav'n above to earth I come
To bring good news to ev'ry one!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To all the world, and gladly sing!

Sw. Holzgedackt 8', prin. 4'

Theme

Moderato (d: c: s: 2)

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Variation I
(Canon at the octave)
To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, Chosen virgin mild;
This newborn child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

Cantabile (allegro)

Poco rit.
Variation III

The blessing which the Father planned
The Son holds in his infant hand,
That in his kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us his glory share.

Chord 2

Sw: Strings
Ped: Fagotto 4', Block Flute 2'

Espressivo, quasi chant style (\(\frac{3}{4}\) \(\frac{4}{4}\)) (\(\frac{3}{4}\))

Music notation image
Variation IV

My heart for very joy now leaps;
My voice no longer silence keeps;
I too must join the angel-throng,
To sing with joy his cradle-song.

Vivace (J. = 80)

Sw. 8

Gt.

logato
Variation V

Sw. Hymnus, doceat, (from ad lib.)

Ped. Octave 2', Choral/ Bass 4

Tempo lugubrioso (d=ca. 54)

This is the Christ, God's Son most high,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be
And from all sin will set you free.
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Manuel's慕容 producing
a rather bright phenom
including light reeds + mixtures

Briskly (J.: c. 93)

[Musical notation]

How glad we'll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
In sending us his own dear Son.

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Variation VII

Where earth a thousand times as fair
And set with gold and jewels rare,
Still such a cradle would not do
To rock a prince so great as you.

Tranquil (d=92)

Sw. Strings e' possibile a' piano

Sw. Pp (Expressively legato)
Variation VIII

O dearest Jesus, holy child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled.
A holy shrine, within my heart,
That you and I need never part.

Lento (\(\frac{4}{4}\): c. 69)

(but other suitable solo stop)

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Variation IX
(Fugato/Final)

Ch - Foundation steps, mixtures
Ct - Foundation steps, mixtures
Gt - Foundation steps, mixtures
Pos - Foundation steps, mixtures
Ped - 1-6, 8, 9 Ped/Ch Ped

Lively, non-legato (c. 84)

"Glory to God in highest heav'n
Who unto us his Son has giv'n."
With angels sing in proud spheres;
A glad new year to all the earth!

Ped. 1
Broad and Free (miss)

slowing to the end  Full Organ

molto rit.

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