

Stand Up, Exulting – Underscore

J. S. Bach

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Narration:

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there the time came for the baby to be born.

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system (measures 1-6) begins with a whole rest in the treble and a half note in the bass, followed by a series of chords and a fermata over the final chord. The second system (measures 7-13) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the bass and chords in the treble. The third system (measures 14-20) continues with similar patterns. The fourth system (measures 21-24) concludes the piece with a final chord.