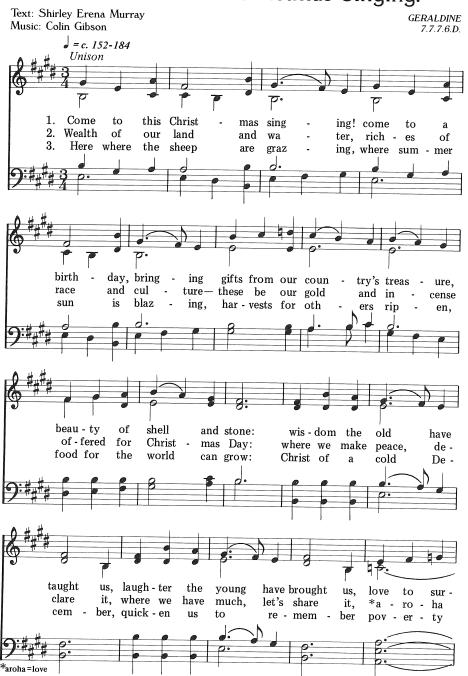
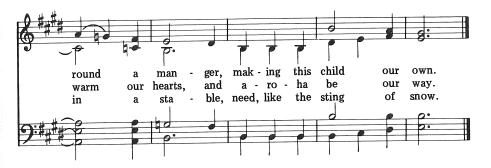
18. Come to This Christmas Singing!



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- 1. Come to this Christmas singing!
 come to a birthday, bringing
 gifts from our country's treasure,
 beauty of shell and stone:
 wisdom the old have taught us,
 laughter the young have brought us,
 love to surround a manger,
 making this child our own.
- 2. Wealth of our land and water, riches of race and culture—
 these be our gold and incense offered for Christmas Day:
 where we make peace, declare it, where we have much, let's share it, aroha warm our hearts, and aroha be our way.
- 3. Here where the sheep are grazing, where summer sun is blazing, harvests for others ripen, food for the world can grow:

 Christ of a cold December, quicken us to remember poverty in a stable, need, like the sting of snow.

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