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 They cheered his name with voices loud
 And everyone joined the chanting crowd,
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- 2. The day he came riding into town (hurrah! hurrah!)
 The city weighed his spirit down (hurrah! hurrah!)
 His eyes were wet with bitter tears
 For he knew the price of the heedless years
 And he feels their pain who comes in the name of God!
- 3. The day he came riding into town (hurrah! hurrah!)
 It caused the men of power to frown (hurrah! hurrah!)
 "We have our laws! We have our ways!
 We need no king to rule our days!
 We denounce his right to come in the name of God!"

- 4. The day he came riding into town (hurrah! hurrah!)
 His people's hopes turned upside down (hurrah! hurrah!)
 "How could these learned men be wrong?
 They've questioned him the whole day long, Yet he speaks (he says) and comes in the name of God!"
- 5. The day he came riding into town (hurrah! hurrah!) He offered love and not a crown (hurrah! hurrah!) His song of peace could not be heard For they wanted a throne and not a word And the word was "life", new life in the name of God!

This Palm Sunday song is intended to be sung reflectively at a slow march tempo. The 'hurrah's' are ironic echoes reflecting that the triumphant entry is followed by the bitter experience of Good Friday.

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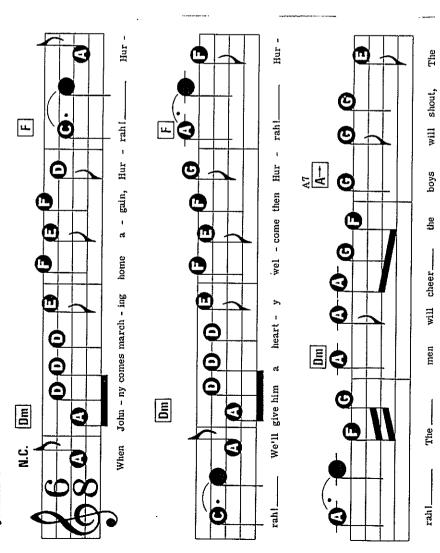
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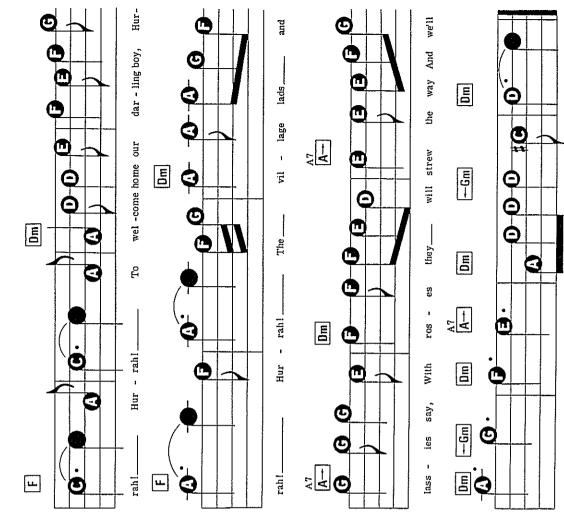
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