Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Choral from "The Christmas Oratorio"

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Adagio

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

Break forth, O beau- teous heav'n- ly light, And ush- er in the

morn- ing; Ye shep- herds, shrink not with af- fright, But

hear the an- gel's warn- ing. This Child, now weak in

in- fan- cy, Our con- fi- dence and joy shall be, The

pow'r of Sa- tan break- ing, Our peace e- ter- nal mak- ing.

TITLE: *Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light*

LARGER WORK: *Christmas Oratorio*

COMPOSER: Johann Sebastian Bach

SCORING: SATB and continuo (edition only has vocal parts)

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ORIGINAL GERMAN TEXT:

Brich an, o schönes Morgenlicht, und lass den Himmel tagen!
Du Hirtenvolk, erschrecke nicht, weil dir die Engel sagen:
Dass dieses schwache Knäbelein soll unser Trost und Freude sein,
Dazu den Satan zwingen und letzlich Frieden bringen.