Remember God's goodness

Lyrics and tune: Thomas Ravenscroft (1588-1635), Arr. Kim Tame

Thomas Ravenscroft was a musician, chorister at St Paul's Cathedral, London, and a collector of folk music. He published three collections, Pammelia, Deuteromelia and Melismata, from which this carol is drawn. He also published a book of metrical psalms.

There are several versions of these words, some of them with solemn warnings to repent.

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Version: Accordion with added chord symbols.

Difficulty: Easy
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O thou man, O thou man
Remember God's goodness
And promise made.
Remember God's goodness,
How his only son was sent,
Our sins for to redress,
Be not afraid.

The angels all did sing,
O thou man, O thou man,
The angels all did sing
On Zion hill.
The angels all did sing,
Praise to our heavenly king,
And peace to man living
With a good will.

In Bethlehem he was born
O thou man, O thou man
In Bethlehem he was born
For mankind dear;
In Bethlehem he was born
For us that were forlorn,
And therefore took no scorn
Our sins to bear.

Give thanks to God alway, O thou man, O thou man, Give thanks to God alway, With hearts most jolly; Give thanks to God alway, On this most blessed day; Let all men sing and say, Holy, holy.