

Centurion West Presbyterian Church.

Three of the new lyrics developed for our:

“Warm and Sunny Summer Christmas - under the Southern Cross” a carol celebration.

Perhaps they will be useful to you?

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1. “New Lyrics” Sunny Summer Christmas (Music : “Somer Kersfees, by Koos du Plessis”)

a translation.... by Andries Combrink

Welcome o silent night, so peaceful,
under the Southern Cross,
sweet memories of days gone by,
from starry skies are tossed.

*Christmas comes! Christmas comes!
Glory be to God!
Grant us a sunny Summer Christmas,
in our dear land, o Lord!*

Gently the Christmas bells are ringing
in ancient sound and style.
Even the night in quiet silence
ponders the birth awhile.

*Christmas comes! Christmas comes!
Glory be to God!
Grant us a sunny Summer Christmas,
in our dear land, o Lord!*

Feel on this day God’s warm affection,
treasure this great event.
God gave his Son to us, his only,
his Christmas gift, he sent!

*Christmas comes! Christmas comes!
Glory be to God!
Grant us a sunny Summer Christmas,
under the Southern Cross!*

2. “New Lyrics” Love Divine - transformed into a Southern African Christmas song! (Music of : Glory be to God the Father....) by Andries

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth came down.
Jesus made with us his dwelling,
our delight, God’s bliss: his crown!
Christ, divine, oh, Christ in glory!
Grant delight and gladness now.

When we see the stars appearing
in the darkness of the night,
with the Southern Cross directing,
helping us our way to find.
Like the star in Beth'lem's heavens,
southern stars of Christ remind!

When the warmth of summer cheer us,
with the bluest skies adorned,
and the sun shines lovely on us,
we are with affection warmed!
Summer Christmas, caring banquet,
we are by this Feast transformed.

Solo: *May the poor and hungry beggar
blistered by the burning sun,
find some shade and food, dear Jesus!
Help us not forget, we pray,
that our giving, and our sharing,
starving children help today!*

(Organ interlude)

Final verse:

Enter all our homes, dear Saviour,
cheer us with your joy anew.
Let us see your great redemption:
we have been restored in you.
Lost in wonder, praise and worship,
found in love, divine and true!

3. "New Lyrics" Mary's song. The Magnificat. by Andries.
(Music of: Angels we have heard on high)

Glorify, my soul, the Lord,
I rejoice in God, who saves!
He has seen his servant's state,
mindful of my modesty!
*O glorify my soul, glorify my soul, glorify my soul the Lord!
God my Lord, my Saviour!
O glorify my soul, glorify my soul, glorify my soul the Lord!
God my Lord, my Saviour!*

All generations call me blessed -
glorify God's holy Name.
Yes, his mercy he extends,
all who fear him, know his love!

*O glorify my soul, glorify my soul, glorify my soul the Lord!
God the mighty Saviour!
O glorify my soul, glorify my soul, glorify my soul the Lord!
God the mighty Saviour!*

God has scattered all the proud,
brought the mighty rulers down!
Lifted up his humble child,
God took care of Mary, mild.
*O glorify my soul, glorify my soul, glorify my soul my Lord!
God remembered Israel!
O glorify my soul, glorify my soul, glorify my soul my Lord!
God remembered Israel!*