

Behold, a virgin shall conceive... O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion

Recitative and air for alto from the oratorio the *Messiah* (alto)

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8. *Recitative: Isaiah 7: 14; Matthew 1: 23*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
[bɪ.'hoːʊld ʌ 'vɜːdʒɪn ʃæɪ kən.'sɪv ænd bɛr ʌ sʌn]

and shall call His name Emmanuel: God with us.

9. *Air and Chorus: Isaiah 40: 9; Isaiah 60: 1*

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,

get thee up into the high mountain.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,

lift up thy voice with strength;

lift it up, be not afraid;

Say unto the cities of Judah,

Behold your God!

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,

arise, shine, for thy light is come,

and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

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