

Hymn for Christmas Day (1743)

[Baker list, #80]

Editorial Introduction:

The ledgers of William Strahan, a printer in London, contain an entry on December 23, 1743 charging the Wesleys for “printing a hymn for Christmas Day.” The amount of paper used shows that it was a single broadsheet. However, no copies of this printing appear to have survived. It is most likely that this was a reprint of “Hymn for Christmas Day” in *HSP* (1739), 206–8. However, there is the slight possibility that it was instead an initial appearance of one of the hymns that would compose *Nativity Hymns* (1745).

Edition:

[Charles Wesley.] *Hymn for Christmas Day*. [London: Strahan, 1743.] [no copies extant]