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).

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