About the Composer

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David served as Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Musicology and Composition department at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas, and as Professor of Music & Chair at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. His compositions have been published by Abingdon Press, Church Hymnal Corporation, Mark Foster, C. Alan Publications, and the Neil A. Kjos Music Company. He currently lives in Kechi, Kansas, where he is an active organist and choirmaster.

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintery, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

- John MacLeod Crum
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Sing We Now of Christmas

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.
Sing our grateful praises to the maid so dear.
Sing we Noel, for Christ the King is born!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, “Leave your flocks at rest;
Journey forth to Bethlehem, find the infant blest.”
Sing we Noel, for Christ the King is born!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

In the stall they found Him; Joseph, and Mary mild,
Seated at the manger, ’round the holy child.
Sing we Noel, for Christ the King is born!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Come, let us surround Him on this magic night
Gather here around Him, Wondrous Babe of light.
Sing we Noel, for Christ the King is Born!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

-Noël Nouvelet (French carol)

Sopranos/Tenors

Ranges:

Altos/Basses

Ranges:
Now the Green Blade Riseth
(Sing We Now of Christmas)
for 2-Part Treble (or Mixed, ST/AB) Choir and Organ
with Optional Violin and Cello (or C Instruments)

Now the Green Blade Rises**
Words: John MacLeod Crum (1872-1958), alt.
(Christmas: Noël Nouvelet, 15th c. French)

Noël Nouvelet (French carol)
ar. David T. Childs

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*Violin (Optional)

*Cello (Optional)

Organ

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*Other suitable instruments can substitute for violin and/or cello, or organ alone can be used.

Easter: Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Christmas: Sing we now of Christmas, No - el sing we here.

Ped. 16 + 8

Duration: ca. 2:55

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