

Winter 2015-16 Prose & Poetry Recitation

For each season of the year we commit some verse or a prose selection to memory. There's no better way to relish the beauty and power of our native tongue or reflect with delight on the truth that makes us free.

Our winter selection is a Christmas favorite translated from Medieval Latin by English evangelical poet and hymn writer, John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

Good Christian Men Rejoice

**Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart, and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!**

Good Christian men rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath op'ed the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed forevermore.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

**Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ is born to save!
Christ is born to save!**