# Come sing, ye choirs exultant

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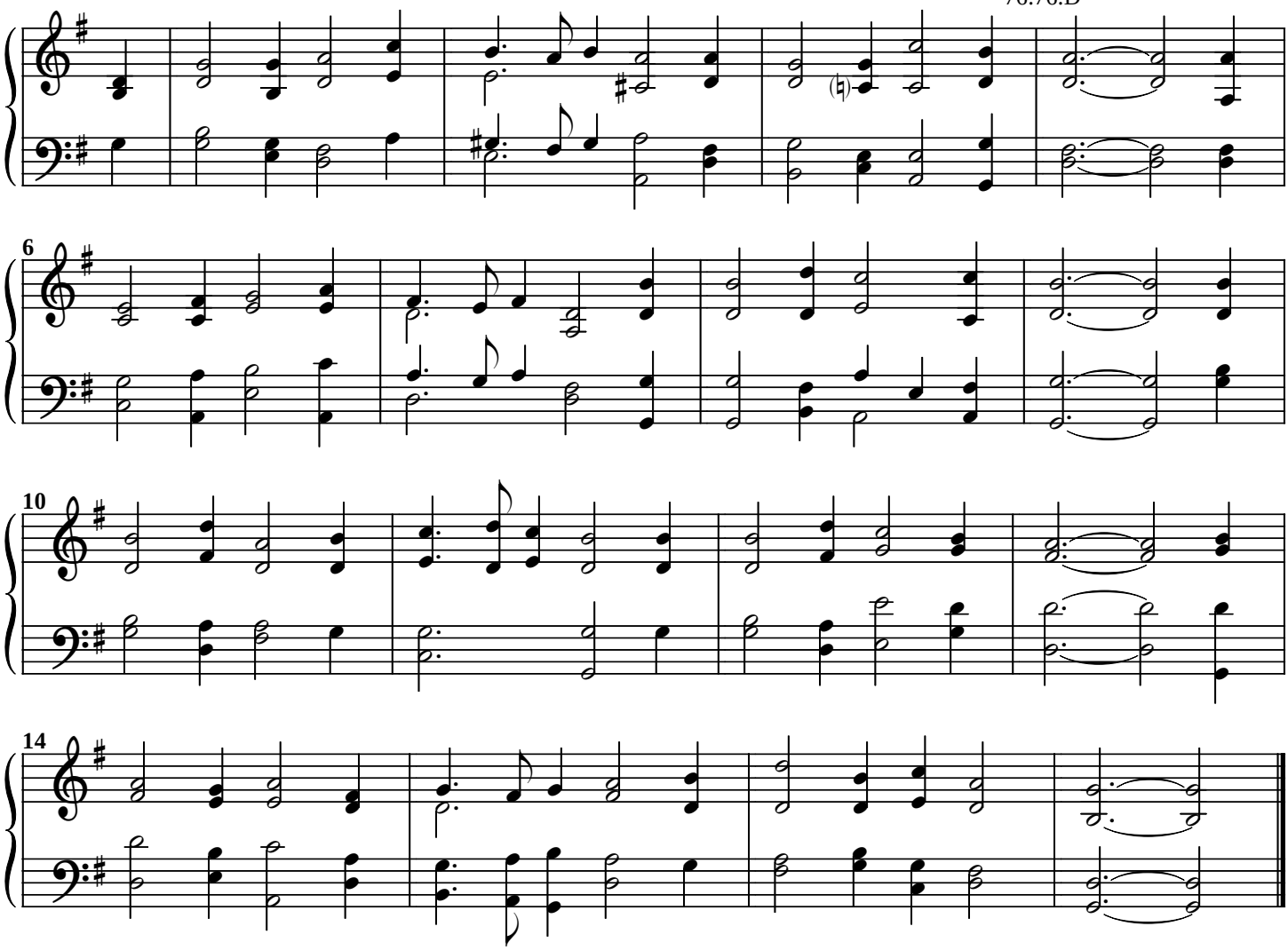

**Come sing, ye choirs exultant,**
**Those messengers of God,**
**Through whom the living Gospels**
**Came sounding all abroad!**
**Whose voice proclaimed salvation**
**That poured upon the night,**
**And drove away the shadows,**
**And filled the world with light.**

**In one harmonious witness**
**The chosen four combine**
**While each his own commission**
**Fulfills in every line;**
**As, in the prophet's vision,**
**From out the amber flame**
**In form of visage diverse**
**Four living creatures came.**

**Foursquare on this foundation**
**The Church of Christ remains,**
**A house to stand unshaken**
**By floods or winds or rains.**
**O glorious happy portion**
**In this safe home to be,**
**By God, true man, united**
**With God eternally.**

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