

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Lk. 2:13-14*

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him Whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

And the moun - tains in re - ply E - cho - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

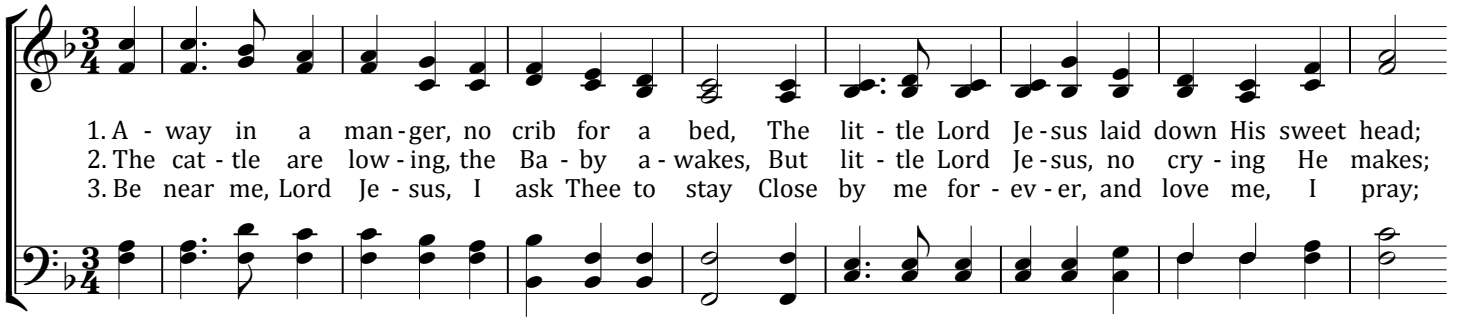
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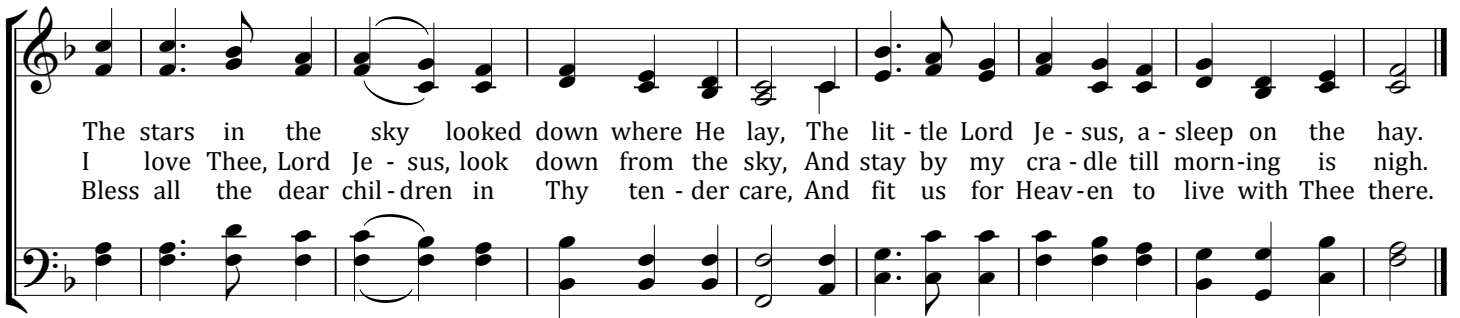
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Away in a Manger

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Lk. 2:7



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head;
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes;
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;



The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care, And fit us for Heav - en to live with Thee there.

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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Lk. 2:13-14

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King; Peace on earth, and
2. Christ, by high - est Heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord; Late in time, be -
3. Hail the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness! Light and life to
4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home; Rise, the wo - man's
5. Ad - am's like - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place: Sec - ond Ad - am

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise,
hold Him come, Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. Mild He lays His glo - ry by,
con-qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head. Now dis - play Thy sav - ing pow'r,
from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love. Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain,

Join the tri-umph of the skies; With th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le - hem!"
Hail th'in-car - nate De - i - ty, Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus our Em-man-u - el.
Born that man no more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.
Ru - ined na - ture now re - store; Now in mys - tic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.
Thee, the Life, the in - ner man: Oh, to all Thy - self im - part, Formed in each be - liev-ing heart.

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Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. Lk. 2:8-9

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clov - en skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suf - fered long;
4. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
5. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - et seen of old,

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold;
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;
Be - neath the an - gel strain have rolled Two thou - sand years of wrong;
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From Heav'n's all - gra - cious King."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains, They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
And man, at war with man, hears not The love - song which they bring;
Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing.
When Christ shall come and all shall own The Prince of Peace, their King,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife And hear the an - gels sing.
Oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
And saints shall meet Him in the air, And with the an - gels sing.

Joy to the World

*The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold,
I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Lk. 2:10*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her King;
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em - ploy;
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground;
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove

Let eve - ry heart pre - pare Him room,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,

1. And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na -

And heav'n, and heav'n, and na - ture sing.
 Re - peat, re - peat, the sound - ing joy.
 Far as, far as, the curse - ing joy.
 And won - ders, won - ders, of His found.
 love.

ture sing,

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

The shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass...
And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. Lk. 2:15-16

1. Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye, to Beth - le - hem.
Oh, sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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Oh, come, let us a - dore Him, oh, come, let us a - dore Him,

Oh, come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

Silent Night

There were in the same country shepherds... keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them.... And they came with haste, and found... the babe lying in a manger. Lk. 2:8-9,16

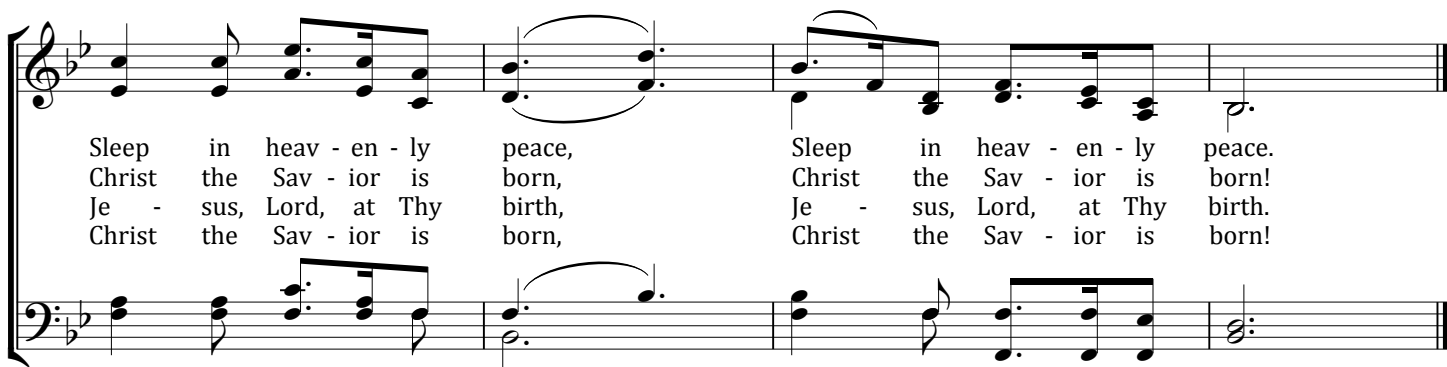
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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;



Round you vir - gin moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!
Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
With the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!

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The First Noel*

*There were... shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
And, lo, the angel of the Lord... said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. Lk. 2:8-10*

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O - ver Beth - le -
 5. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es

shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a King was
 hem it took its rest; And there it did both
 to our heav - en - ly Lord That hath made heav'n and

keep-ing their sheep, On a cold, win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - e'er it went.
 stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 earth of naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Mt. 2:1-2

1. We three* kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
 3. Fran - kin - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
 4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise; King and God and sac - ri - fice;

Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.
 Prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.
 Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, Sounds thro' the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. Lk. 2:8-9

1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not!" said he, for might-y dread Had seized their trou-bled mind;
3. "To you, in Da-vid's town, this day Is born of Da-vid's line
4. "The heav'n-ly Babe you there shall find To hu-man view dis-played,
5. Thus spake the ser-aph and forth-with Ap-peared a shin-ing throug
6. "All glo-ry be to God on high, And to the Earth be peace;

The an-gel of the Lord came down,
"Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring
A Sav-ior, who is Christ the Lord,
All mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands,
Of an-gels prais-ing God on high,
Good will hence-forth from heav'n to men

And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round.
To you and all man-kind, To you and all man-kind.
And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign:
And in a man-ger laid, And in a man-ger laid."
Who thus ad-dressed their song, Who thus ad-dressed their song:
Be-gin and nev-er cease, Be-gin and nev-er cease!"

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