

4. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er our plains;
and the mountain tops in answer
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis deo (2)

Shepherds, why this exultation?
Why your rapturous strain prolong?
Tell us of the gladsome tidings
which inspire your joyous song.

Come to Bethlehem and see him
o'er whose birth the angels sing:
come adore, devoutly kneeling,
Christ the Lord, the new-born king.

5. WE THREE KINGS

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar;
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O Star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring, to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high.
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

6. WHAT CHILD IS THIS

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Come greet the infant Lord
The babe, the son of Mary.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The babe, the son of Mary.

7. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the Angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.



"To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign:

8. IT CAME UPON MIDNIGHT CLEAR

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
2. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

9. O HOLY NIGHT

Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born;
Oh night divine, Oh night, Oh night Divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient lands.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, He guardeth us from danger,
Behold your King! Before the lowly bend. (2)

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,
His power and glory evermore proclaim. (2)

10. THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they
lay a-keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel (4) Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star,
three wise men came from country far.
To seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.