



It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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 good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels



For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold



When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing



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



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At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.

She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Luke 2:1-7





That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. When suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them.

They were terrified, but the angel reassured them.

“Don't be afraid!” he said.

“I bring you good news that will bring great

Joy to all people.

Infant Holy Infant Lowly

Infant holy infant lowly
For His bed a cattle stall
Oxen lowing little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all



Swift are winging angels singing
Noels ringing tidings bringing
Christ the babe is Lord of all



Flocks were sleeping
Shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory heard the story
Tidings of a gospel true



Thus rejoicing free from sorrow
Praises voicing greet the morrow
Christ the babe was born for you



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What Child is This

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
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary



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



So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him



Raise, raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary



The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

*“Glory to God
in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to
those with whom
God is pleased.”*



When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other,

“Let’s go to Bethlehem!

Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph.

And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him,

the shepherds told everyone what had happened

and what the angel had said to them about this child.

All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished,

but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

The shepherds went back to their flocks,

glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

It was just as the angel had told them.



O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem

How still we see thee lie

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by



Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight



How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven



No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in



O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today



We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel



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Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child.



He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy



Jesus is our childhood's pattern
Day by day like us He grew
He was little weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feels for all our sadness
And He shares in all our gladness



And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He has gone



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In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

Did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;

Rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness. and being found in appearance as a man,

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

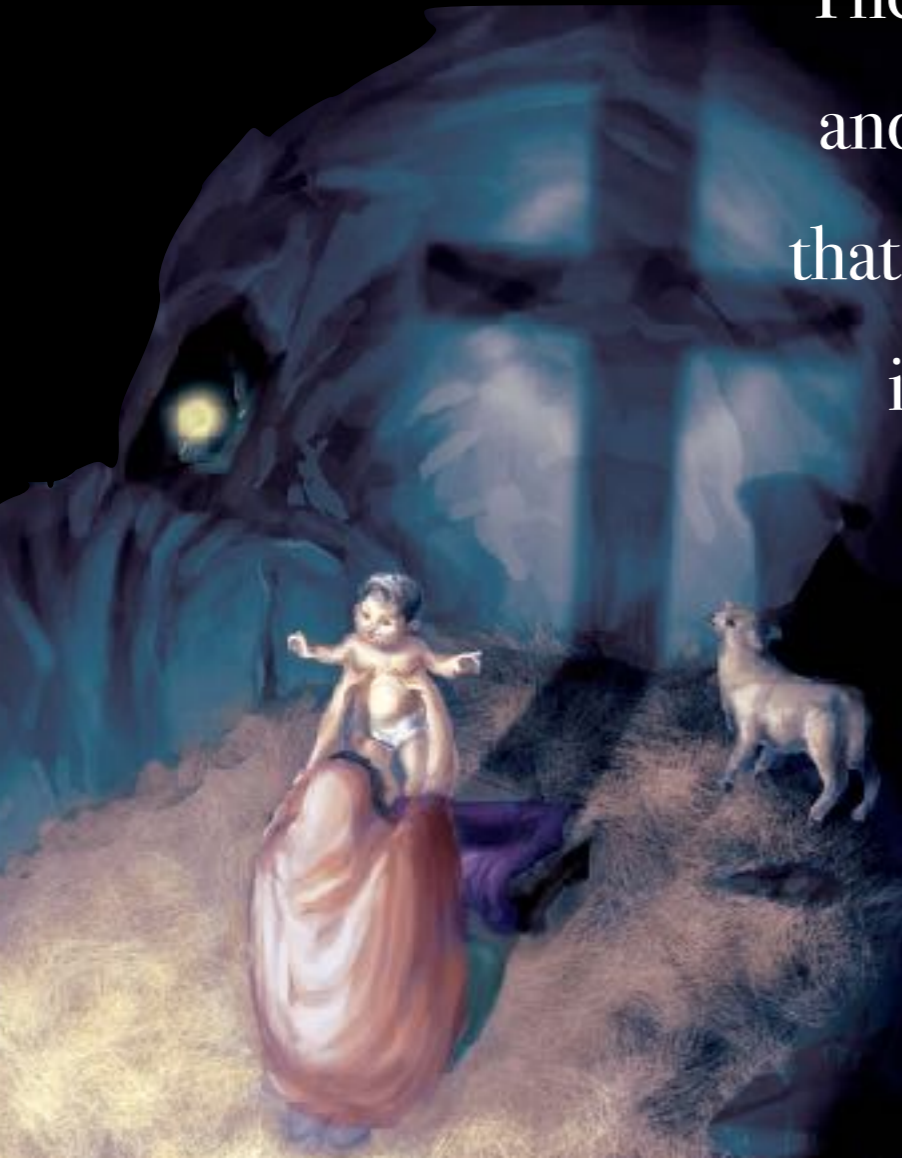
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,

to the glory of God the Father

Philippians 2:5-II







Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.



Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.



No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.



He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.



