

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (J.S.Bach*),
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Hark! the herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-7. The piece is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written for piano. Dynamics include *mf* and *mp*. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand.

8 reconciled, joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th' angelic host proclaim,

Musical score for the second system, measures 8-14. Dynamics include *f* and *mf*. The music continues with a more active accompaniment in the left hand.

15 "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! the herald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the newborn King!"

Musical score for the third system, measures 15-20. Dynamics include *ff*, *mf*, and *fff*. The piece concludes with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking.

* J.S.Bach, Gavotte, Orchestral Suite No.4, BWV 1069, Mvmt. 4

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Musical score for the fourth system, measures 21-27. This system contains a single melodic line in the right hand, while the left hand is silent, indicated by a horizontal line.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"