

All Earth is Hopeful

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Verse 1

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set everybody free.

Verse 2

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Verse 3

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear every gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

Verse 4

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he his present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

My Soul Proclaims with Wonder 170

Refrain (Unison)

My soul pro-claims with won - der the great-ness of the Lord,

re - joic - ing in God's good - ness my spir - it is re - stored.

1 To me has God shown fa - vor, to one the world thought frail,
 2 God's mer - cy shields the faith - ful and saves them from de - feat,
 3 The might - y have been van-quished, the low - ly lift - ed up.
 4 To A - bra-ham's de-scend - ants, the Lord will stead - fast prove,

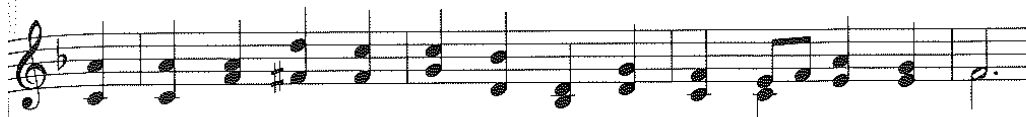
to Refrain

and ev - ery age will ech - o the an - gel's first "All hail!"
 with strength that turns to scat - ter the proud in their con - ceit.
 The hun - gry find a - bun - dance, the rich, an emp - ty cup.
 for God has made with Is - rael a cov - e - nant of love.

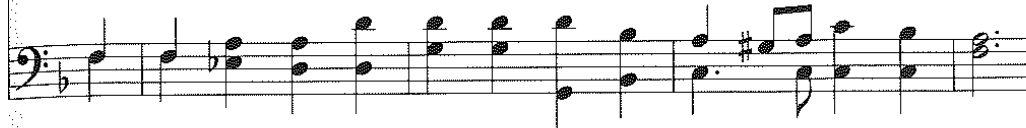
O Little Town of Bethlehem 180



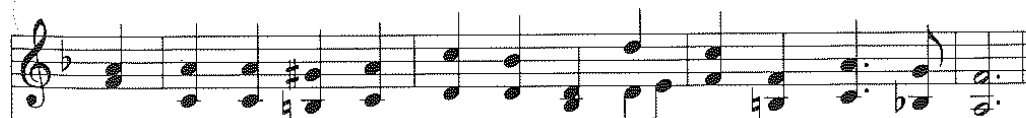
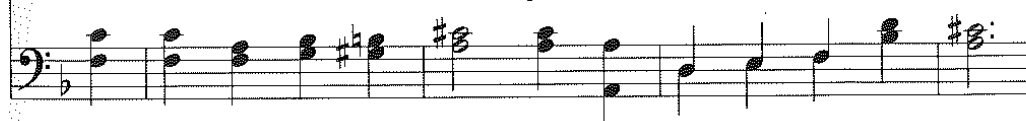
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



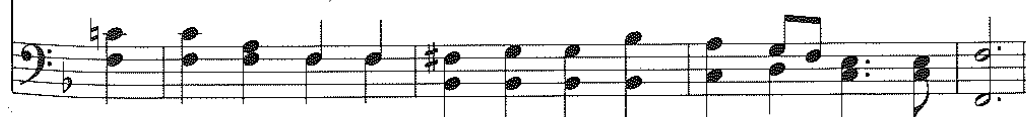
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by,
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love,
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.



The Birthday of a King

Unison

1 In the lit - tle vil - lage of Beth - le - hem, there lay a Child one
2 'Twas a hum - ble birth - place, but O how much God gave to us that

day, and the sky was bright with a ho - ly light o'er the
day; from the man - ger bed what a path has led, what a

Refrain (harmony optional)

place where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia! O how the
per - fect, ho - ly way.

an - gels sang. Al - le - lu - ia! How it rang! And the sky was bright

with a ho - ly light, 'twas the birth - day of a King.

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Chorus

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

Verse 1

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year

Verse 2

We come now expressing
The faith we are confessing
To bring to you a Christmas blessing
For a Happy New Year

Verse 3

May God's love surround you
God's peace dwell within you
God's mercy continue
Throughout this New Year