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Who is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of every creature:
For by Him were all things created,
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible, whether they be
thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers:
all things were created by Him, and for Him:
And He is before all things,
and by Him all things consist.

Colossians 1:15-17

For God,

who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of God in the face of

Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

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And they shall call his name *Emmanuel*, which being interpreted is,

God with us.

Matthew 1:23

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#### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. Hag. 2:7



### 2 The People That in Darkness Sat

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. Matt 4:16



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Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Lk. 2:11
Who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Tim. 1:10



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#### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab. 2:20

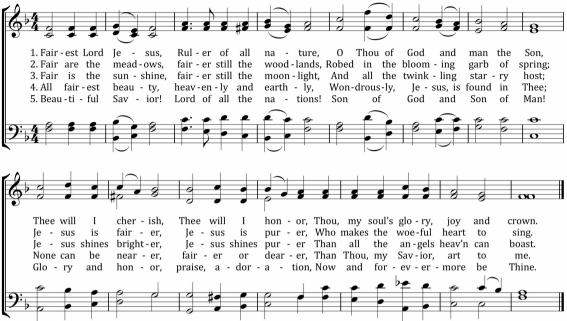


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#### **Fairest Lord Jesus**

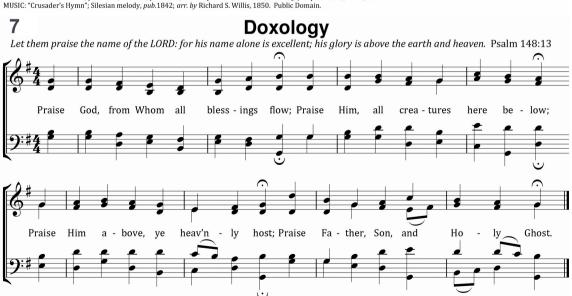
Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. Psa. 45:2

His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. Rev. 1:16



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# The Wonder of Wonders (continued)

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#### What Child Is This?

...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



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#### To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa. 9:6



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#### **Child in the Manger**

Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Mt. 1:21



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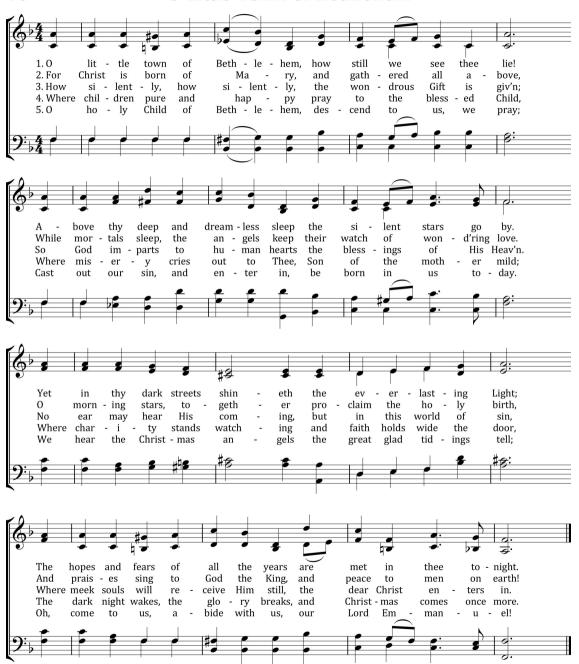




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#### O Little Town of Bethlehem



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#### **Oh, Holy Night**

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... said unto them, Fear not... I bring you good tidings of great joy. Lk. 2:8-11





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#### **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



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#### Glory to God in the Highest!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14



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#### From Heaven Above

For unto you is born this day...a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you;

Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2:11-12



(First two and a half verses may be sung as a solo, or female voices as an "angel choir". Remaining verses may be sung as a larger group, or male voices.)



#### 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



#### There's a Song in the Air

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Lk. 2:10 1. There's song in the air! There's a star in the sky! 2. There's O'er the birth, a tu mult of joy won - der ful 3. In Lie the light of that star the ges im pearled; 4. We joice the light, And re in we ech the song There's moth er's deep prayer, And - by's low cry! ba For the Vir gin's boy Is the the earth. sweet Lord of And that song Has world. from a far swept - ver the That comes down through the night From the heav - en ly throng. its fire while the And the rains ful sing, star Ay! the star rains its fire while the beau \_ ti ful sing, Ev -'ry hearth is a flame, and the beau ti ful sing, Ay! shout the love ly e van they bring, to the Beth - le - hem cra - dles King! For man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles King! For the man - ger of King! In the homes of the na - tions, that Je - sus is cra - dle Sav - ior King! MEN. and we greet in His our and

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#### The First Noel\*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem ... behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem Matt 2:1



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\*Noel: from "Christmas" (French); from "birthday" (Latin).

### **Beautiful Star of Bethlehem**

We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Matt 2:2

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# **Bethlehem's Bright Star**

Lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. Mt. 2:9



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# Courage, Brother, Do Not Stumble

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts 2 Peter 1:19



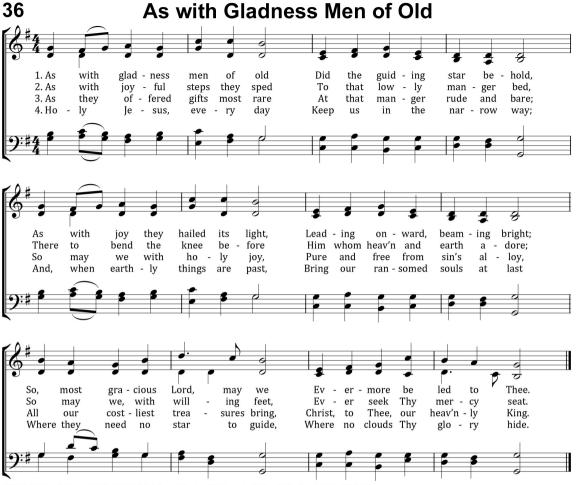
# We Three Kings of Orient Are

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child . . . and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Matt 2:11



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\*The Bible mentions three gifts, but does not state the number of wise men.



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#### Who Is He in Yonder Stall?

Christ Jesus... took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.... Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him... And... every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Php. 2:5-11



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# **Tell Me the Story of Jesus**



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#### The Names of Jesus

They shall call his name Emmanuel... God with us. Mt. 1:23 Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people. 1:21 He... stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us. 2 Cor. 1:21; 1 In. 2:27 Christ is all, and in all. Col. 3:11





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# Oh! to Be Like Thee

We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor. 3:18 As he is, so are we in this world. 1 Jn. 4:17



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<sup>\*</sup>Alternate title, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

These things saith the Son of God, who hath His eyes like unto a flame of fire, and His feet are like unto fine brass... hold fast till I come.

Revelation 2:18,25