

Christmas Songbook

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored: Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Hail! the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail! the Son of Right - eous - ness!
 4. Come, De - sire of na - tions come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.
 Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the fa - vored one.
 Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings
 Oh, to all Thy - self im - part, Formed in each be - liev - ing heart

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh, the God - head see, Hail, th'in - car - nate De - i - ty;
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die:
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - l - ehem.
 Pleased as man with men to a - well, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - ell!
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.
 Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!



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O GESÙ TORNASTI IN CIELO

(canto per l'Ascensione)

1. O Gesù, tornasti in cielo
 vincitore della morte,
 per aprire a noi le porte
 ed accoglierci con te.
 Tornerai su questa terra,
 trionfante e vittorioso,
 tornerai quaggiù glorioso,
 tornerai qual Re dei re.
2. Tornerai di gloria adorno
 circondato dai tuoi santi,
 e del nuovo regno, i canti
 al tuo trono scioglierem.
 Tu compisti le promesse
 dell'antico e nuovo patto;
 a te, santo del riscatto,
 inni e lodi innalzerem.
3. Tu per noi sei stato ucciso,
 col tuo sangue ci hai comprati;
 ci hai redenti, ci hai salvati
 d'ogni popolo e tribù.
 Re ci hai fatti e sacerdoti,
 cari a Dio ch'è in te placato;
 apri il ciel desiderato,
 torna a noi qual Re, Gesù.