225 Once in Royal David's City

You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3. And through all his won - drous child- hood he would hon - or and o - bey,
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
• love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,
we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
with the poor, and mean, and low- ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho- ly.
• Chris- tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
and he leads his chil- dren on to the place where he is gone.
when like stars his chil- dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

108   There Is a Redeemer

TEXT: Melody Green
MUSIC: Melody Green

221 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
Is. 11:1

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half- spent was the night.

2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to men a Sav - ior, when half- spent was the night.

3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by an - gels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, was born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped and in the man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.

4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God; from sin and death he saves us and light- ens ev - 'ry load.

5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

German hymn, ca. 1500
St. 1–2 tr. by Theodore Baker, 1894
St. 3–4 tr. by Harriett R. Spaeth, 1875
St. 5 tr. by John C. Mattes, 1914

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.
German melody, 15th cent.
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609; alt.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

194

"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"
declares the LORD. Is. 59:20

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, thou Day- spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
• tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
• and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Latin antiphons, 12th cent.
Latin hymn, 1710
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961

VENI EMMANUEL L.M.ref.
Plainsong, 13th cent.
Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856

201 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Mic. 5:2

1. O lit-tle town of Beth-le-hem, how still we see thee lie;
2. For Christ is born of Mar-y; and gath-ered all a-bove,
3. How si-lent-ly, how si-lent-ly, the won-drous gift is giv'n!
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-d'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu-man hearts the bless-ings of his heav'n.
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 tid-ings 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 men 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.

Phillips Brooks, 1868

ST. LOUIS C.M.D.irreg.
Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2:17

(Ref.) Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;
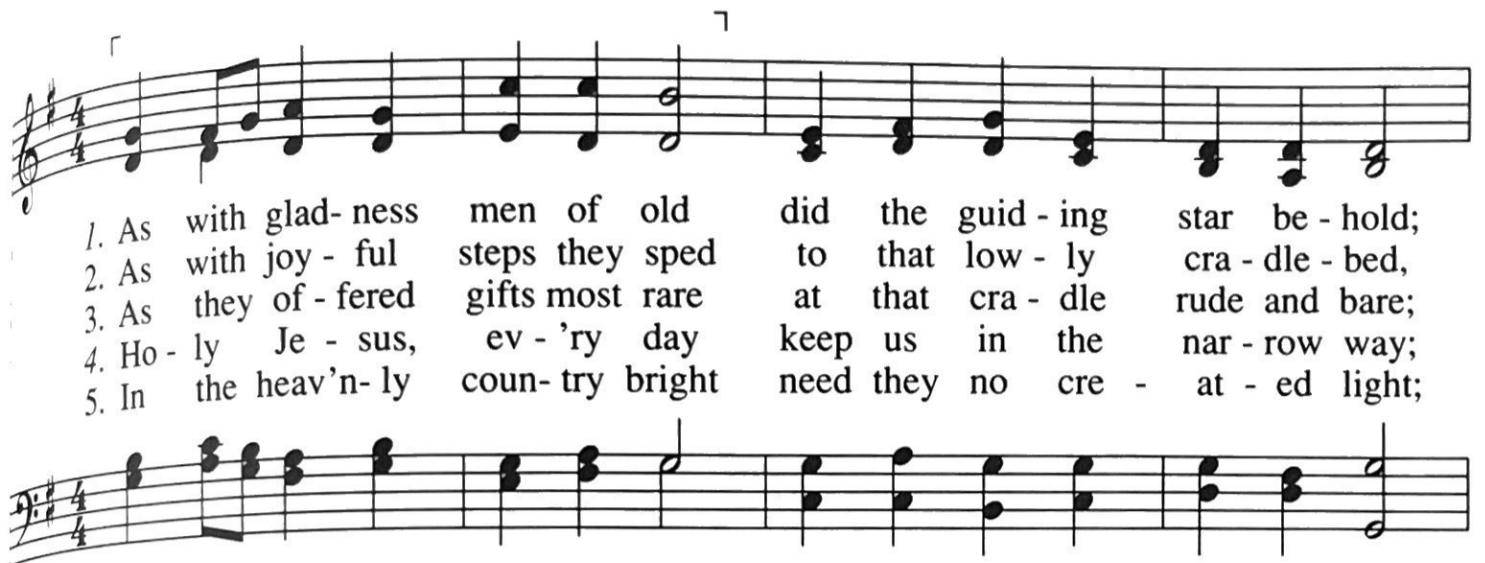
go, tell it on the moun-tain that Je-sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night, be-
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a-bove the earth rang
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger our hum-ble Christ was born, and

hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.
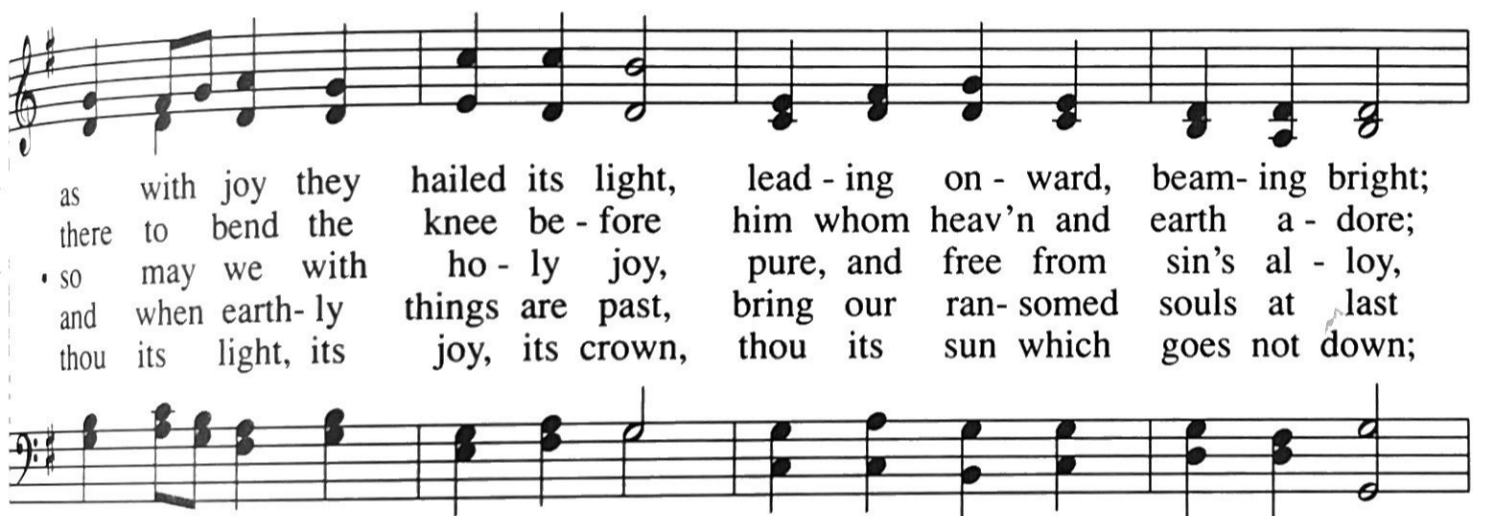
Spiritual

GO TELL IT Irreg.
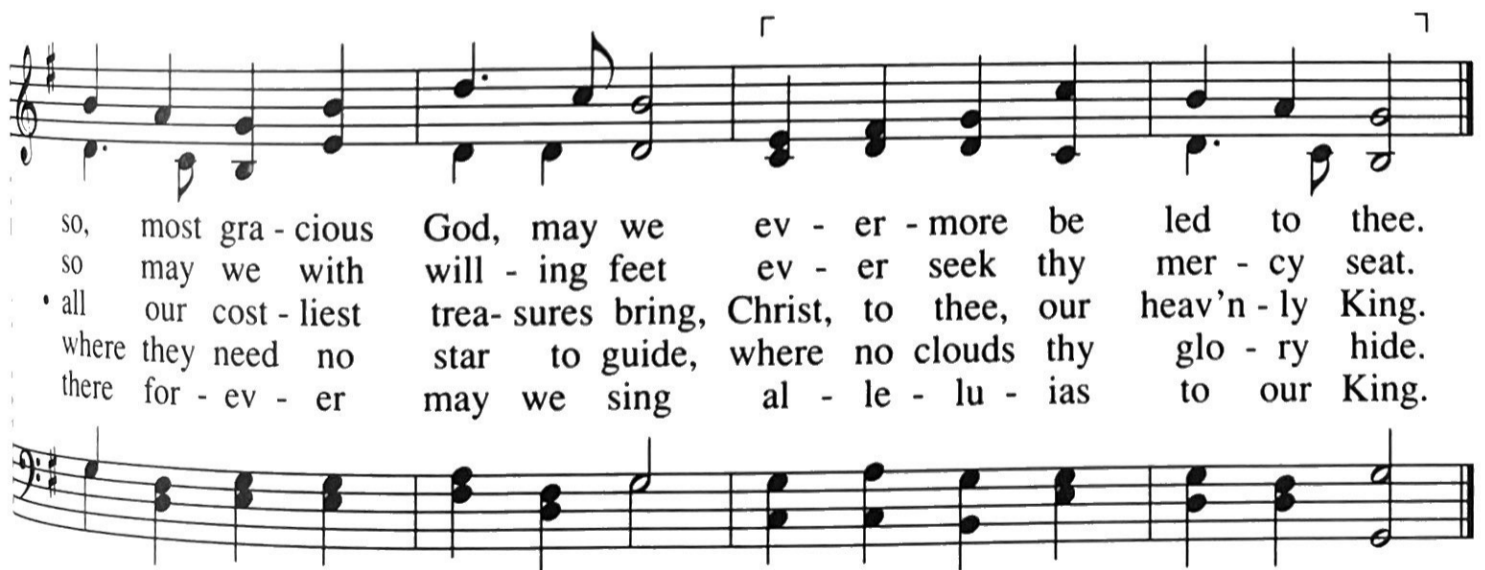Spiritual

As with Gladness Men of Old

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre - at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

203 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

A great company of the heavenly host [was] praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13, 14

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 Sun of Righ- teous- ness!

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 Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

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,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro- claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new- born King."

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. God of God, Light of Light;
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN

born the King of an - gels;
got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
in the high - est;
late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Latin hymn
Attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751
Tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; alt.

ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6.ref.
John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751