

The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their
sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so
deep.

Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
(Refrain)

3. And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
(Refrain)

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)

5. Then entered in those Wise Men
three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
gold and myrrh and frankincense.
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 245
Text: Trad. English carol*

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright
thou beamest forth in truth and light,
O Sovereign meek and lowly!
Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
my Lord and Master, thou has won
my heart to serve thee solely!
Thou art holy,
fair and glorious, all-victorious,
rich in blessing,
rule and might o'er all possessing.

2. Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine!
O deep within my heart now shine,
and make thee there an altar!
fill me with joy and strength to be
thy member, ever joined to thee
in love that cannot falter;
toward thee longing
doth possess me; turn and bless me;
here in sadness
eye and heart long for thy gladness.

3. What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, O glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness,
we are yearning for the day of your
returning.

*Words & Music Philipp Nicolai 1599
Translation by Catherine Winkworth*

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
following yonder star.
Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still
proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.
(Refrain)

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices
raising,
worshiping God on high.
(Refrain)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering
gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding,
dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(Refrain)

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and
skies.
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 254
Text: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891
Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here
below;
praise him above, ye heavenly
host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost.
Amen.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 095
Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against
us. Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Side

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our
eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhaunting, and silent
as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou
rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high
soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.
(Refrain)

3. To all, life thou givest, to both
great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of
all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves
on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught
changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou
dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us
to see
tis only the splendor of light hideth
thee.

The United Methodist Hymnal #103

Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:
Come and worship, come and
worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
(Refrain)

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
(Refrain)

4. Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 220
Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879 enthrone him.*

There's a Song in the Air

1. There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy
o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy
is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star
lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar
has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame,
and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations
that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light,
and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely
evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle
our Savior and King!

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 249
Text: Josiah G. Holland, 1819-1881
Music: Karl P. Harrington, 1861-1953
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