

# An angel's carol

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Brightly

2 S *mf* Have you heard the sound of the an - gel voi - ces.

ring-ing out so sweet - ly ring-ing out so clear! T *mf* Have you seen the star

shin-ing out so bright - ly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?

Have you heard the news that they bring from heav - en to the hum - ble

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she^ - herds. who have wait-ed long' A *f* Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o

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Glo-ri-a in ex cel-sis De-o! *mf* Hear the an-gels sing their joy-ful song.

Glo - n - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! *mf* Hear them sing their joy - ful song.

35

*p* Ah 2 37

legato

*p* He is come in peace in the win-ter's still - ness, like a gen-tle

42

Ah

snow - fall in the gen - tle night: He is come in

46

*mp* Ah *mf* Ah Ah

*mf dolce* Ah filling all the world with

joy like the sun at mor - ning, filling all the world with

51

A

*p* He is come in love as the child of Ma - ry:

rad-i-ance and with light. *p* Hmmm

The musical score consists of six staves of music for voice and piano. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, the fourth is bass, the fifth is soprano, and the sixth is alto. The music is in common time, mostly in G major (indicated by a 'G' with a sharp sign) or A major (indicated by an 'A' with a sharp sign). The vocal parts often sing in unison or in two-part harmonies. Performance instructions include dynamics (e.g., *p*, *mf*, *mp*, *dolce*), articulations (e.g., *sf*), and vocal techniques like 'Ah' and 'Hmmm'. The lyrics describe scenes of angels singing, Jesus' birth, and his coming in peace and light.

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5  
 in a sim-ple sta - ble we have seen his birth:  
 Glo-ri-a in ex - cel-sis De-o,

6  
 Glo-ri-a in ex - cel-sis De-o' *p* Hear them sing: "Peace on earth".  
*p* Hear the an-gels sing-ing: "Peace on earth".  
 He will bring new light to a world in dark-ness,

7  
 He will bring new light to a world in dark-ness, like a bright star shin-ing  
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8  
 He will bring new hope to the wait-ing  
 in the skies a - bove; He will bring new hope He will bring new hope  
 in the skies a - bove; He ill bring new hope to the

9  
 na - tions when he comes to reign *mf* in  
 to the wai - ting na - : - tions when he comes in  
 na - - - - tions *mf* when he

4  
85 pu - ri - ty and love. An angel's carol *f* Let the earth re - joice at the Sa - viour's

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comes in love. *f* Let the earth re - joice at the Sa - viour's

90 com - ing: Let the heav-en-s an - swer with the joy - ful morn:

com - ing: Let the heav-en-s an - swer with the joy - ful morn:

90 com - ing: Let the heav-en-s an - swer with the joy - ful morn:

95 Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

morn: Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

95 glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

morn: Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

100 *mf* Hear the an - gels sing - ing: "Christ is born". *p* Hear the an - gels

*mf* Hear them sing - ing: "Christ is born". *p* Hmmm

105 rall al fine sing - ing: "Christ is born".