

Hark! the herald angels sing

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Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.

Adam's likeness, Lord, efface;
stamp thy image in its place;
second Adam from above,
reinstale us in thy love.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim:
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Let us thee, though lost, regain,
thee, the life, the inner man;
O! to all thyself impart,
formed in each believing heart.

Christ by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hail the heavenly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

Come, Desire of nations, come,
fix in us thy humble home;
rise, the woman's conquering seed,
bruise in us the serpent's head.

Now display thy saving power,
ruined nature now restore,
now in mystic union join
thine to ours, and ours to thine.