

Earth and the Heavens

a traditional Ukrainian Christmas carol (1913)

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Earth and the heavens, earth and the heavens
Are filled with celebration!
Angels tell the people, angels tell the people
Good news for every nation!

Christ is in the crèche,
God in the flesh,
Heaven's filled with glory,
Angels sing the story,
Shepherds hear them name him,
They run to acclaim him,
Wonders telling, they proclaim him!

There in Bethlehem, there in Bethlehem,
Good news of joy for everyone!
By the Virgin Mary, by the Virgin Mary,
Unto us is born a son!

Christ is in the crèche...

Word of the Father, Word of the Father,
Took mortal flesh upon him—
In this earthly darkness, in this earthly darkness
The light of life is dawning.

Christ is in the crèche...

All his angels serve him, all his angels serve him,
Fulfill the orders given.
There at the manger, there at the manger
They serve the King of heaven.

Christ is in the crèche...

Wise men from the east, wise men from the east,
Come to worship and adore him!
Frankincense and myrrh, frankincense and myrrh,
And gold they lay before him!

Christ is in the crèche...

To our God and King, to our God and King
All these offerings are given,
And for all the world, and for all the world
They have asked the grace of heaven.

Christ is in the crèche...

Let us also praise him, let us also praise him,
And worship Christ together!
Glory in the highest, glory in the highest!
Proclaim his name forever!

Christ is in the crèche...