

# Why the Angels Sang

## I. ADVENT! The Arrival of the King

[John 1:1](#) In the Beginning was the Word ... [14](#) And the Word became flesh...

Wonder The Creator enters Creation... The Timeless One enters time. "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."

Humility —

Faithfulness — All the Promises find their Yes in Him

The Messianic Expectancy — Fullness of Times

## II. Family — How the Miracle Came to Be

### A. The Cast of Characters—

1. The Galilean girl
2. The heartbroken dreamer
4. Caesar wanting more taxes
5. Gossips in Bethlehem
6. Shepherds and Angels

### C. The Place – Bethlehem

[Luke 2:1](#) In those days **a decree went out from Caesar Augustus** that all the world should be registered ... [4](#) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, **to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem**, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5](#) to be registered **with Mary**, his betrothed, who was with child.

[Mic. 5:2](#) But you, O **Bethlehem Ephrathah**, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth **for me** one

who is to be **ruler** in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. (lit. **from the days of eternity**)

**House of Bread; House of War**

**Rachel died giving birth; Ruth; Joab; David earliest reign**

6 And **while they were there**, the time came for her to give birth. 7

And **she gave birth** to her **firstborn son** and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and **laid him in a manger**, because there was **no place for them** in the inn.

No angels appeared ... Alone except for her young husband, far from her family and friends, in the most primitive of conditions, young Mary gave birth.

Thus did the second person of the Trinity step from eternity into time and space, a fitting entrance for the

One who “was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and **the world did not know Him**” (John 1:10); for the One who “did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28)

## II. The First Noël

### A. The Announcement

Luke 2:8 And in the same region there were **shepherds** out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And **an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them**, and they were filled with great fear.

10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.** 11 For **unto you is born** this day in the city of David **a Savior**, who is **Christ the Lord.** 12 And this will be **a sign for you: you will find** a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

## B. Millions of Angels Singing!

13 And **suddenly** there was **with the angel** a multitude of the **heav-  
only host** praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those  
with whom he is pleased!” KJV — good will toward men.

Burning with love, Full of joy – The good news to man and good  
news to themselves.

## C. Short and Sweet

The **Greatest truth**, in **words so few**, **FULL** with meaning —

“Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward  
men.” “among those with whom he is pleased.”

Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Not His will that  
any should perish.

They sang **Something we could understand** – something **which will  
make us much better *if*** we will understand it.

A sign for you: **Jesus in the manger!**

**They sang of Christ**, and the **salvation** which he entered this world  
to accomplish.

**This salvation,**

**gave glory to God;**

**gave peace to man;** and,

Expressed **God’s good will towards the human race.**

## D. Fullness of Meaning

1. **Song of Highest Glory – seen in Salvation** . The Angels had seen  
CREATION.

**Creation:** Job 38.7 “The morning stars sang together, and all the  
sons of God shouted for joy.”

***This time***, they **saw God stoop from his throne**, and become a  
babe, resting on a woman’s breast, they sang:

“Glory to God *in the highest*,” for **higher in goodness** they felt God could not go.

“Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your downward flight to earth,  
Ye who sing creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth;  
Come and worship, Come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.”

### **God’s highest glory is found in salvation...**

God is glorified in nature

**every dew drop that twinkles** to the morning sun.

Every **wildflower that blossoms**

In **every bird that sings**

Every **lion that roars**

**Creatures of the sea praise him** From minnow to the whale.

**The stars exalt him, writing his name across the heavens.**

**Lightnings thunders Every snowflake**

Is there anything that doesn't glorify God except the man who will not?

**Yet the whole universe,** cannot sing a **song as glorious as the Song of Incarnation.**

**A sign for you: Jesus in the manger**

**Incarnation reveals :**

**Wisdom.** God becomes man **that God may be just, and the justifier of the ungodly.**

**Power,** Where is power **so great as when it conceals power?**  
That the **Godhead should unrobe and become man!**

**Love** is thus revealed to us when Jesus becomes a man.

**Faithfulness.** How many **promises are kept by this?**

**The Father** – in Him the **Son of Man**, and, the **Son of God.**

2. **Song of PEACE.** They sang a **new song** before the throne of God: To “Glory to God” they **added this stanza—“on earth, peace.”**

Since the day humanity left Eden

**Wars within as well as wars without.**

**Conscience** had fought with man; **Satan** had tormented man with thoughts of sin. There had been **no peace on earth since Adam fell.**

**When the newborn King made his appearance,** his **swaddling** cloth with which he was wrapped up was the **flag of peace.**

**That manger was the place where the treaty was signed,** where-  
by **warfare should be stopped** between man’s conscience and himself, man’s conscience and his God.

It is **Isa 48:18** **peace like a river,** and **righteousness like the waves of the sea.**

It is **Phil 4:7** the peace of God that **passeth all understanding,** **which keeps our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

3. **Song of GOOD WILL** towards men.

So good a will that he has said, and said it with an oath too,

**Ez 33:11 “As I live, says the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, but had rather that he should turn unto me and live;”**

“Lord, how shall I know that you have this good will towards me?” He points to **Jesus in the manger!**

**WORSHIP TEAM**

Let's sing with ANGELS! And Celebrate His Birth with Joy and the making of peace.

**Luke 2:15** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "**Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened**, which the Lord has made known to us." **16** And they **went with haste** and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

**18** And **all who heard it wondered** at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

### Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing  
'Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled.'  
**Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic host proclaim,**  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'  
Hark the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King.'
- 2 Christ by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!**  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,

**Jesus our Immanuel.**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King.'

- 3 Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n 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.**  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King.'