THE SKY WAS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

GREETING

PRAYER

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art; Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

HYMN 1

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Verse 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 hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Verse 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th' incarnate Deity;
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel,
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.

Verse 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

HYMN 2

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains

CHORUS

Gloria - in excelsis Deo. Gloria - in excelsis Deo.

Verse 2

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Verse 4

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels' praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

Luke 2:1-20 - King James Version

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out
a decree from Caesar Augustus that
all the world should be taxed.

² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

- ³ And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.
- ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
 - ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
 - ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- ⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
 - ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
 - ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

- And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
 - ¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
 - ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- ¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
 - ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
 - ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
 - ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

CLOSING CHORUS:

JESUS IS THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW

CHORUS

Jesus is the sweetest name I know,
And He's just the same,
As His lovely name.
That's the reason why I love Him so,
For, Jesus is the sweetest name I know.

CLOSING COMMENTS

PRAYER

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