

Hymn No. 245

The First Noel

- 1 The first Noel, the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

- 3 And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to see for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

- 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

- 5 Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee;
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Hymn No. 219

What Child Is This

- 1 What child is this who, laid to rest,
 on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
 while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christians, fear, for sinners here,
 The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
 Come, peasant, king, to own him;
 The King of kings salvation brings,
 Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

Hymn No. 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

- 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

Hymn No. 236

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

- 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.
- 2 “Fear not!” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind. “Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all of humankind, to all of humankind.
- 3 “To you, in David’s town, this day
is born of David’s line a Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign.
- 4 “The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”
- 5 Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
appeared a shining throng of angels praising God on high,
who thus addressed their song, who thus addressed their song:
- 6 “All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace; good will hence-forth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!”

Hymn No. 254

We Three Kings

- 1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Refrain
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
- 2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
Refrain
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
- 3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.
Refrain
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
- 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Refrain
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
- 5 Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.
Refrain
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.