

Angel hosts in bright array

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VERSE

1. An - gel hosts in bright ar - ray, Stars their night - watch keep - ing,

The first system of the musical score for the verse, measures 1-4. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. An - gel hosts in bright ar - ray, Stars their night - watch keep - ing,"

5 Earth - ward wend their si - lent way, While the world lies sleep - ing.

The second system of the musical score, measures 5-8. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "5 Earth - ward wend their si - lent way, While the world lies sleep - ing."

9 Through the win - try clouds they glide, On through por - tal ho - ry,

The third system of the musical score, measures 9-12. The lyrics are: "9 Through the win - try clouds they glide, On through por - tal ho - ry,"

13 Where, the ox and ass be - side, Lies the Babe of Glo - ry.

The fourth system of the musical score, measures 13-16. The lyrics are: "13 Where, the ox and ass be - side, Lies the Babe of Glo - ry."

17 CHORUS

Ring the bells, and sound the horn! Shout with ex - ul - ta - tion!

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CHRIST the LORD to - day is born For the world's sal - va - tion!

2. All unseen by mortal eye,
 Reverent and lowly;
 Prostrate there, they laud on high
 Him, the INFANT HOLY.
 From their lips celestial rise
 Sounds, with joy o'erflowing,
 Strains upborne beyond the skies,
 Hymns with rapture glowing.
 Ring the bells, &c.

3. Hark the news the Angel tells: —
 Lo! an INFANT Stranger
 GOD's dear SON among you dwells,
 Born in Bethlehem's manger!
 Bursts a chorus from the sky.
 Loud from Heaven's portal:—
 Glory be to GOD on High,
 Peace, good-will to mortal!
 Ring the bells, &c.

4. Angel spirits earthward led,
 With a hope endearing,
 First to worship, first to spread,
 News of CHRIST's Appearing!
 Trace we out your footfalls light,
 Praise we CHRIST in glory,
 Then waft on the tidings bright
 Of the Gospel story!
 Ring the bells, &c.