

Christians, listen, while we sing

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a common time signature. The tempo is marked 'slow' and 'a tempo'. Dynamics include 'pp' (pianissimo) and 'f' (forte). The lyrics are: '1. Chris-tians, lis-ten, while we sing, (Dark be-fore the dawn - ing) Prais-es to our Heav'n-ly King, On this Christ-mas morn - ing, On this Christ-mas morn - ing.'

2. Shepherds came to Bethlehem,
(Dark, before the dawning)
As it was commanded them,
On this Christmas morning.
3. In a manger of the stall,
(Dark, before the dawning)
There they found the Lord of all
On this Christmas morning.
4. There they found the mother mild,
(Dark, before the dawning)
Gazing on her new-born Child,
On this Christmas morning.
5. Christian, art thou far from ill?
(Dark, before the dawning)
He will make thee happier still,
On this Christmas morning.
6. Is an hour of sorrow near?
(Dark, before the dawning)
He will wipe away the tear
On this Christmas morning.
7. Blessings rest on all within!
(Dark, before the dawning)
Newer life, and hopes begin
On this Christmas morning.
8. Praise we then our Saviour King,
(Dark, before the dawning)
As the angels once did sing
On this Christmas morning:—
9. "Glory be to God on high,"
(Dark, before the dawning)
"Peace on earth and Charity"
On this Christmas morning.

(Source: Carols old and carols new, Boston, 1916)