

Hark! what sounds are sweetly stealing

Traditional

1. Hark! what sounds are sweet-ly steal-ing. Soft thro' Beth-lehem's mid-night air?

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Loud-er yet, and loud-er peal-ing. An-gel ac-cents sure are there.

2. See! a light from heav'n is streaming,
Night and darkness quit the plain;
See! an angel brightly beaming,
Followed by a radiant train.

3. "Fear not, shepherds! glad my story,
Tiding of the greatest joy;
Christ is born, the Lord of Glory!
I proclaim a Saviour nigh."

4. Thus the angel, then ascending,
Seeks again the realms of light;
Now the chorus faintly ending,
All is silence, all is night.

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