

In the early morning, early

Christmas traditional

1. In the ear - ly morn - ing, ear - ly, Ere the dawn was e - ven night

5 Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ry be to God on high.

9 When the crown - like stars were lus - trous; When the dew was on the sod,

13 Sang the An - gels to the shep - herds, Sang the chor - is - ters of God.

2. To the humble Bethlehem shepherds,
On the first glad Christmas morn,
Sang the choir of God Angelic,
Christ the Son of God is born!
When the dew was white and pearly,
Flashed a light across the sky,
In the early morning, early,
Glory be to God on high.

3. Glory in the heavens eternal,
Upon earth be glory, too,
For the day of grace hath broken,
And a King is born to you.
In the early morning, early,
Glory be to God on high:
Rang the sound of Angels harping,
Though the stilly, list'ning sky.

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