

Silent stars were watching

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1. Si - lent stars were watch - ing O - ver hill and plain,

5 Hum - ble sheph - erds on - ly Heard the joy - ful strain,

9 When by an - gel voi - ces Were the ti - dings told,

13 Sung by an - gel legions With their harps of gold.

2. Then, in haste, the shepherds
Heedless of their fold,
Seek King David's city
As the angels told.
There they find the manger,
There the Infant King,
There they tell the story
To the wondering.

3. In the East, the wise men
Journeying from afar,
Guided to the manger
By the mystic star.
Gold and fragrant incense,
Costly gifts they bring,
In the stable lay them,
Kingly offering.

4. And on this our Christmas,
While our hearts we bring,
Hear the wondrous story,
Joyous carols sing;
To the holy Christ-child
Grant, O Lord, that we,
Like the kings and shepherds,
May be led by Thee.

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