

# What soul-inspiring music

Christmas traditional

*mf*

1. What soul-in-spi-ring mu-sic Thrills thro' the mid-night air? What sounds of heav' nly

*mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the musical score. It features a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 3/4 time and G major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The first line of music is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "1. What soul-in-spi-ring mu-sic Thrills thro' the mid-night air? What sounds of heav' nly".

*f*

sweet-ness Dis - pel all doubt and care? Ev' ry star and con-stel - la-tion Sheds a

*f*

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The second line of music is marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "sweet-ness Dis - pel all doubt and care? Ev' ry star and con-stel - la-tion Sheds a".

*p*

ra-diance dou-bly bright; See the Plei-ads and O - ri - on Glit-ter keen-ly in the

*p*

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The third line of music is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "ra-diance dou-bly bright; See the Plei-ads and O - ri - on Glit-ter keen-ly in the".

*cresc.*

height! Spark - ling fires, like twinkl - ing blos - soms, Stud Night 's robe with light.

*f*

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The fourth line of music is marked with a crescendo (*cresc.*) and the fifth line is marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "height! Spark - ling fires, like twinkl - ing blos - soms, Stud Night 's robe with light.".

2.

Strange forms float hovering o'er us,  
New sounds fall on our ear;  
God's Angel bids us welcome,  
His voice says, "Never fear!  
Born to you in David's city  
Lies the Saviour, all Divine,  
David's Root and David's Off-spring,  
Promised Seed of David's line;  
He is swathed and in a manger:  
Take this for a sign."

3.

Straight, crowds of heavenly warriors,  
Outshining every star,  
Stand forth round that one Herald  
Proclaiming peace afar;  
Choirs of Angels and Archangels,  
Seraphim and Cherubim,  
Thrones and Princedoms, Dominations,  
Powers and Might which wax not dim;  
Spirit-hosts in ranks celestial,  
Raise one joyous hymn.

4.

"Lord God, to Thee be glory,  
In heights all height above;  
Peace dwell on earth beneath us,  
Towards men goodwill and love!  
Heaven and earth are now united,  
Man may see his Father's face:  
Mary's Son, God's Word incarnate,  
Is an endless Fount of Grace:  
Therefore Righteousness may Mercy  
And Truth Peace embrace."

5.

Speed, Shepherds, leave your sheepfolds,  
To Bethle'm haste away:  
Fall on your knees before Him,  
Salute Him while ye may:  
Bring your offerings, bring your treasure,  
Open wide each simple store:  
Pipe and dance in rustic measure  
In His Manger Him adore:  
Every deed to give Him pleasure  
Be yours evermore.