Hark! the song of choirs angelic





2. Filled with fear the wakeful shepherds
Listened to the angels' lay,
Reassured, they learn the message:
"Christ, your Lord, is born to-day!
Peace on earth, good-will to all men
Through eternal ages be."
Sight and sadness
Turn to gladness
On the Lord's Nativity!

- 3. Lowly in a manger lying,
 Heavenly light around Thee shed,
 Object of our praise undying:
 Holy Child in humble bed;
 May Thy birthday ever find us
 Praising the Eternal Three,
 Who, to save us,
 Freely gave us
 Life, with Thy Nativity.
- 4. Year by year, Thy Church unsleeping
 Careful of Thy lambs below,
 Still her faithful watch is keeping,
 Till her cup of joy o'erflow;
 Praises will she ever mingle
 With her glad festivity:
 Carols singing,
 Joybells ringing,
 On her Lord's Nativity.