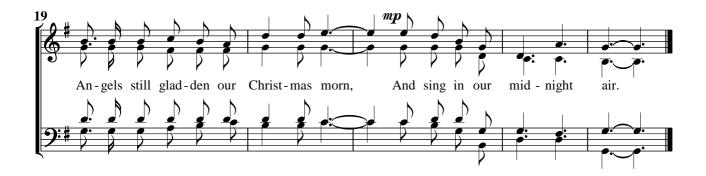
## I should like to have heard

Christmas traditional





- I should like to have watched the great stars shine,
   As they did that Christmas night;
  Till my heart was bright with a heavenly flame,
   And my soul was bathed in light.
   But the stars are there in heaven above,
   And as sweetly still they shine;
   And the lapse of years and the wear of time
   Make no change in that heaven of mine.
- I should like to have been a Shepherd then,
   To have watched my flock by night,
  To have seen the wonderful glory shine
  Till the hills were paved with light.
  But I need no Bethel hill to climb,
   Nor a Shepherd my calling be,
  For I'm but the sheep, and no shepherd I,
   That Jesus must be to me.
- I should like to have seen that manger crib,
   To have knelt before that shrine,
  To have laid my gift at those tender feet,
   And have worshipped the Babe divine.
   But I may worship that Babe to-day,
   And as truly my Christmas see,
   For His presence is now my Bethlehem,
   And His love shall my carol be.