

I should like to have heard

Christmas traditional

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Introduction for piano, marked *mp*. The music is in G major and common time, featuring a simple melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.

5 SOLO

I should like to have heard the an - gels sing On that glad Christ - mas morn, To have

First system of the vocal line, marked *SOLO*. The lyrics are: "I should like to have heard the an - gels sing On that glad Christ - mas morn, To have". The piano accompaniment is in G major and common time, with a simple harmonic accompaniment.

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knel't and listen' d to mu - sic so sweet O'er the Babe in Beth - le - hem born.

Second system of the vocal line. The lyrics are: "knel't and listen' d to mu - sic so sweet O'er the Babe in Beth - le - hem born.". The piano accompaniment continues with a simple harmonic accompaniment.

14 *f* FULL Harmony

But I may sing of that Babe to - day, So ten - der, so kind, so fair! And the

Third system of the vocal line, marked *f* FULL Harmony. The lyrics are: "But I may sing of that Babe to - day, So ten - der, so kind, so fair! And the". The piano accompaniment is more complex, featuring a full harmonic accompaniment.

An-gels still glad-den our Christ-mas morn, And sing in our mid - night air.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.