

O dark was the night

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mf SOLO, or VOICES in UNISON

1. O dark was the night and cold blew the wind, But Jo-seph and Ma-ry no shel-ter could find; In

all the fair ci - ty of Beth - le - hem, In cot - tage or inn was no room for them!

CHORUS IN HARMONY

10 *f* *ff* *pp* *rall.*

Glo - ria in ex - cel - sis, glo - ria in ex - cel - sis, glo - ria in ex - cel - sis De - o.

2. But in a poor stable their couch was made,
And low in a manger the Babe was laid,
O fair was the Child, the mother how fair!
But only the oxen stood waiting there!
3. But out on the hills was a wondrous light,
And heavenly music entranced the night;
And beasts of the field were roused in their lair
By the sound of the voices and harps in the air.

4. And shepherds a-watching their flocks by night
Espied in the heavens a marvellous sight;
Of angels and spirits a mighty throng,
For joy and great gladness singing this song:
5. O come then, ye faithful, ye men of good will,
Let joy and thanksgiving every heart fill;
Tell out the glad tidings that Jesus has come,
To open the way to the heavenly home.

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