The night in solemn stillness hung

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1. The night in solemn stillness hung O'er pastures fair and green, When from above the angels' song Fell thro' the still serene; It came to those whose watchful care kept their flocks in safety there. Rejoice, rejoice, For unto you is peace restored, Today is born a Saviour, who Is Christ the Lord.

2. Great dread and wonder at the sound Then filled each heaving breast, And prone they lay upon the ground By trembling fears possessed; Cresc. While louder still the anthem rung By angels' myriad voices sung. Rejoice, etc.

3. But lo! of joy and peace on earth The angel voices spoke; And of the Saviour's infant birth The gladsome tidings broke; And bade the shepherds bend their way, To where the cradled infant lay. Rejoice, etc.

4. And still the accents sweet and fair Came through the starry night, Then died away upon the air With sounds of rich delight; Cresc. And lo! a star serenely shone To guide their wandering footsteps on. Rejoice, etc.

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