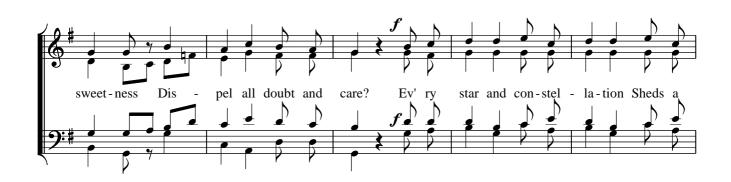
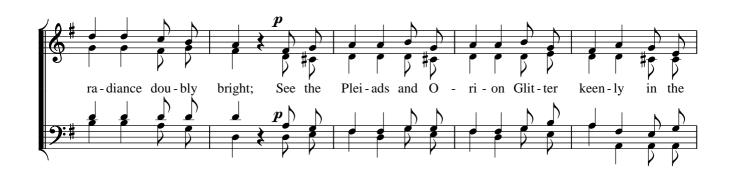
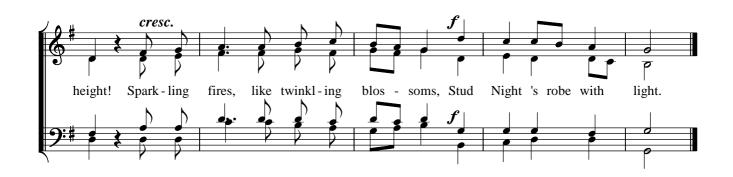
What soul-inspiring music

Christmas traditional









Strange forms float hovering o'er us,
New sounds fall on our ear;
God's Angel bids us welcome,
His voice says, "Never fear!
Born to you in David's city
Lies the Saviour, all Divine,
David's Root and David's Off-spring,
Promised Seed of David's line;
He is swathed and in a manger:
Take this for a sign."

3.

Straight, crowds of heavenly warriors,
Outshining every star,
Stand forth round that one Herald
Proclaiming peace afar;
Choirs of Angels and Archangels,
Seraphim and Cherubim,
Thrones and Princedoms, Dominations,
Powers and Might which wax not dim;
Spirit-hosts in ranks celestial,
Raise one joyous hymn.

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"Lord God, to Thee be glory,
In heights all height above;
Peace dwell on earth beneath us,
Towards men goodwill and love!
Heaven and earth are now united,
Man may see his Father's face:
Mary's Son, God's Word incarnate,
Is an endless Fount of Grace:
Therefore Righteousness may Mercy
And Truth Peace embrace."

5.

Speed, Shepherds, leave your sheepfolds,
To Bethle'm haste away:
Fall on your knees before Him,
Salute Him while ye may:
Bring your offerings, bring your treasure,
Open wide each simple store:
Pipe and dance in rustic measure
In His Manger Him adore:
Every deed to give Him pleasure
Be yours evermore.