

Christmas hymns  
and Scriptures

I. Hark! The herald angels sing

Vocabulary:

hark: listen

herald: a messenger

reconciled: to bring agreement to two people or make peace

angelic hosts: a group of angels

veiled in flesh: hidden by flesh (hidden as a human)

incarnate Deity: God in bodily form

hail: welcome

Emmanuel: God with us

I. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

II Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased, as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

III Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

I. **"Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King"**. When Jesus was born, God sent angels to shepherds who were taking care of their sheep. They came to announce the birth of a King but also a Savior. **God and sinner reconciled**. Jesus came as a baby to die as an adult for our sins. Because of Jesus' death, we are at peace with God. Because of Jesus' resurrection, we are reconciled with God.

Read Luke 2: 8-14 (page 1089), Romans 5:10 (page 1192), Colossians 1:20(page 1245)

**Christ is born in Bethlehem.** Micah prophesied that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Many of Jesus' ancestors lived or were born in Bethlehem including Ruth and King David.

Read Micah 5:2 (page 997), Luke 2:4(page 1089)

II. **Christ, the everlasting Lord!** In Revelation, Jesus is referred to as the Alpha and Omega. The terms Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. This means that Jesus is the beginning and the end.

Revelation 22:12-13(page 1316)

**Late in time, behold him come.** The prophets prophesied about the coming Messiah. In human time, this fulfillment of this prophecy took a long time. But it was the right time. Christ came to earth at God's appointed time.

Read Galatians 4:4 (page 1232)

**Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.** Jesus, God's Son, gave up His deity to become a human. It was Jesus' choice to give up the glory of heaven. It was Jesus' choice to become human. And it was Jesus' choice to die for our sins. Through Christ, we can see God.

Read Philippians 2:6-8 (page 1242), Hebrews 1:3 (page 1267)

III. **Hail! the heaven born Prince of Peace!** Isaiah prophesied about Jesus' birth. In this prophecy, Jesus is described as the Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father and the Prince who brings peace. Jesus said to his disciples and us, that He would give His peace to us.

Read Isaiah 9:6-7(page 736), John 14:27 (page 1144)

**Hail! the Son of Righteousness.** Jesus is our righteousness. When we believe in Jesus, we are made right with God. We become righteous because of Jesus.

Read Romans 3:22 (page 1191)

**Mild he lays his glory by.** Jesus gave up the glory that He had in heaven when He came to earth.

Read John 17:5(page 1146)

**Born that man no more may die.** Jesus was born to die for our sins. Jesus' death and resurrection means that we can have eternal life when we believe in Jesus.

Read John 11: 25-26 (page 1139)

**Born to raise the sons of earth.** We have eternal life through Christ. When Christ returns, we will be changed even those who are dead.

Read I Corinthians 15: 51-52(page 1217)

**Born to give them second birth.** Jesus said that we cannot see the Kingdom of God unless we are born again. We have a new life in Jesus when we trust in Him and believe that He died for us.

Read John 3:3 (page 1127), I Peter 1:3 (page 1283)

## II. Joy To The World

Vocabulary:

reigns: to rule as King

employ: to use

plains: flat land

thorns: sharp points on roses

infest: something that grow so much that it keeps other plants from growing

far as: the distance

- I. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
- II. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;  
let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
- III. No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow,  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
- IV. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

**I. The Lord is come!** Isaiah prophesied about Jesus' birth. God sent Jesus to earth because of His great love for us. Jesus died because of His great love for us. Jesus conquered death and lives because of His great love for us.

Read Isaiah 7: 14 (page 734 ), John 3:16 (page 1127), Acts2:36(page 1155)

**Let earth receive her King.** Although Jesus came to earth as a human baby, He is King. His throne will be established forever. When Jesus comes again, He will be the reigning King over all.

Read Psalm 45:6,7(page 603), Jeremiah 23:5,6 (page 837), Rev. 1:5(page 1299)

**Heaven and nature sing.** God created Heaven and earth. Everything that we see has been created by God's hand. He is the magnificent God who deserves our praise.

Read Psalm 98: 4-8(page 639), Isaiah 44: 23(page 779)

**II. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy.** Not only will all people rejoice, but all of nature will also rejoice. The earth and all creation will sing because Jesus will reign over the earth.

Read Psalm 69:34(page 618), Psalm 96:11(page 638)

**III. No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground.** Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. They brought sin into the world. Because of their sin, God put a curse on the earth. To get food, Adam had to grow plants but God caused weeds to grow. Adam had to work very hard to produce food.

But when Jesus returns, there will be a new Heaven and a new earth. The curse will be gone. Everything on earth will be perfect again.

Read Genesis 3:17-19(page 4), Isaiah 66:22(page 806), 2Peter 3:13(page 1290)

**IV. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness.** When Jesus returns, He will rule in grace and truth. His justice will be perfect. All nations will be under His rule.

Read Psalm 98: 9(page 639),Matt. 16:27-28 (page 1047), Phil. 2:10-11(page 1242), I Tim 6:14-15(page 1259)

### III. O come, O come Emmanuel

#### Vocabulary:

Emmanuel: God with us

ransom: to pay the price for a prisoner or slave

captive: prisoners

mourns: to feel sorrow or grief

exile: to be removed or separated from one's country

rod: a branch of the family (bible reference)

tyranny: unfair rule through power and fear

Day-spring: dawn or first light of the day

advent: arrival

disperse: remove

gloomy: dark sky

restore: make something good again

#### I. O come, O come Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### II. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free

Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory over the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### III. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### IV O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**I. O come, O come Emmanuel.** Emmanuel, God with us. God's plan to restore us to Himself was to come to us. This is amazing when we think about our sin. We choose to disobey and turn from God but He comes to pursue us.

Read Isaiah 7:14 (page 734)

**And ransom captive Israel.** Like Israel, we are captive or prisoners to our sinful nature. We need a redeemer to pay the ransom and free us. Jesus came to earth to suffer our punishment. He died on a cross because of our sin. His wounds heal us.

Read Isaiah 53: 4-6 (page 790), Hebrews 2: 17(page 1268)

**That mourns in lonely exile here.** God has promised us a home in Heaven. He has promised us a new Heaven and a new earth. But now we wait in exile. We are in exile because we are not at home with God in heaven.

Read Hebrews 11: 13-15 (page 1275)

**II. O come Thy Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny.** "Rod of Jesse" refers to the family history of Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David and Jesus was born from this family. Isaiah describes this rod or branch as being wise, righteous and fair.

Satan wants us to be disobedient. He wants to tempt us from following God. But Jesus has conquered Satan by dying for us.

Read Isaiah 11:1-4 (page 739), Rev. 12: 9-11(page 1307)

**From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory over the grave.** Jesus has conquered death. He has freed us from the power of the grave. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we no longer fear death.

Isaiah 25: 8(page 753), Hosea 13: 14(page 973)

**III. O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.** Day-Spring means dawn or the first light of day. In Malachi, we read that the sun will rise and will bring healing. The "sun" in this scripture verse is Jesus. God sent Jesus to be our light in a dark sinful world. God did this because He loves us and is a tender, compassionate, and caring Father.

Read Malachi 4:2 (page 1026), Luke 1:78-79(page 1089)

**Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.** Before we accept Jesus, we live in the darkness of our sins. Jesus is the Light of the world. Jesus brings light into our darkness.

Read Isaiah 9:2(page 735), John 8:12(page 1135)

**IV. O come, Thou Key of David, come.** Jesus reigns as King. His Kingdom will last forever. The words "Key of David" means the one who has the right or authority to rule. Jesus holds the key of David. He rules over heaven and earth.

Read Hebrews 1:8(page 1267), Revelation 3:7(page 1301)

**Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.** Jesus came as a human baby to rescue us and bring us back to God. Without Jesus, we are without hope. There is no good in us at all. The life that we follow leads to misery and pain. Jesus closes that path and gives us a new path that leads to righteousness and God's love.

Read Romans 3: 10-18 (page 1190)