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December 28th
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Announcements

Choral Call to Worship
O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH #243, V 1,2,3
Words and Music by John F. Wade

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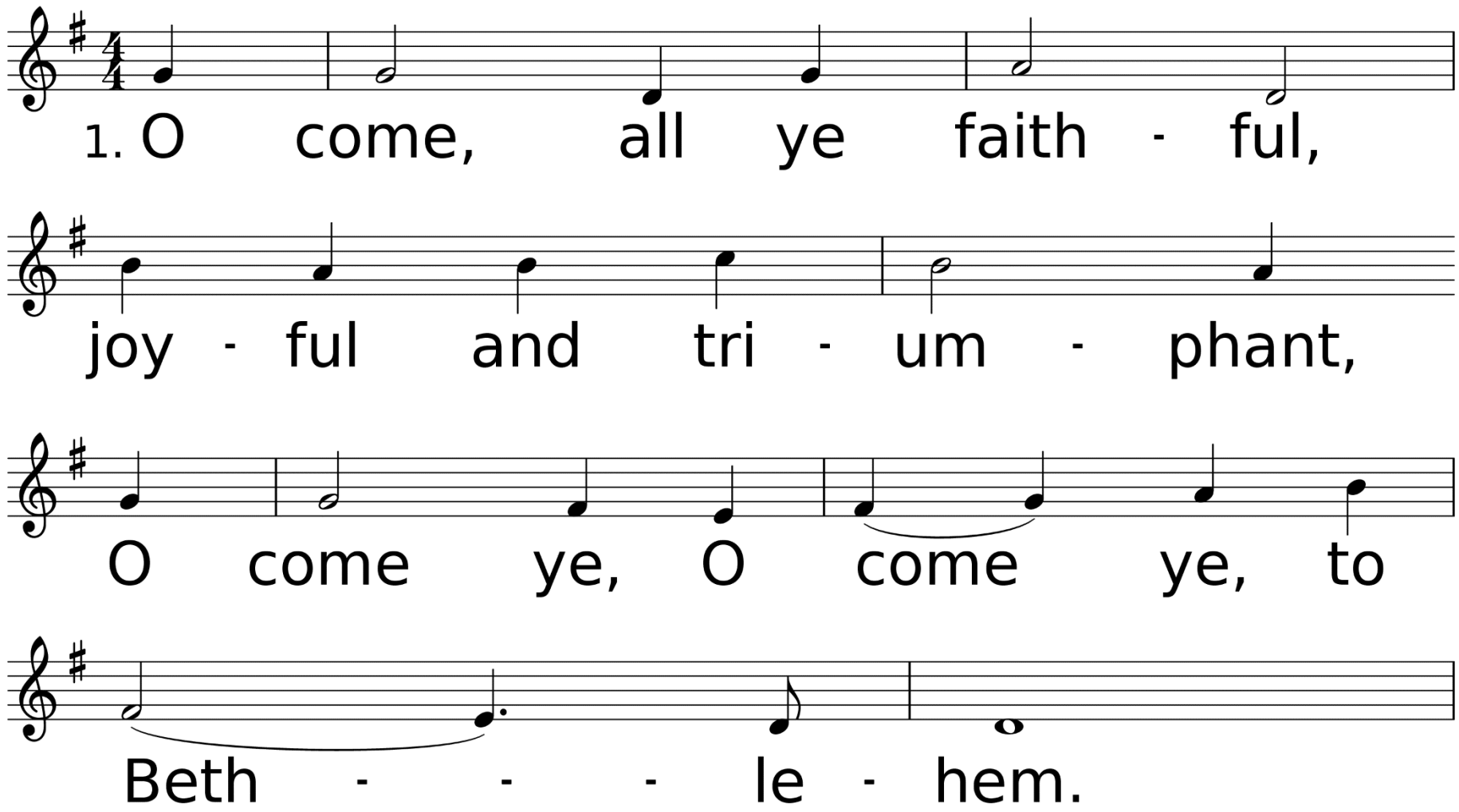

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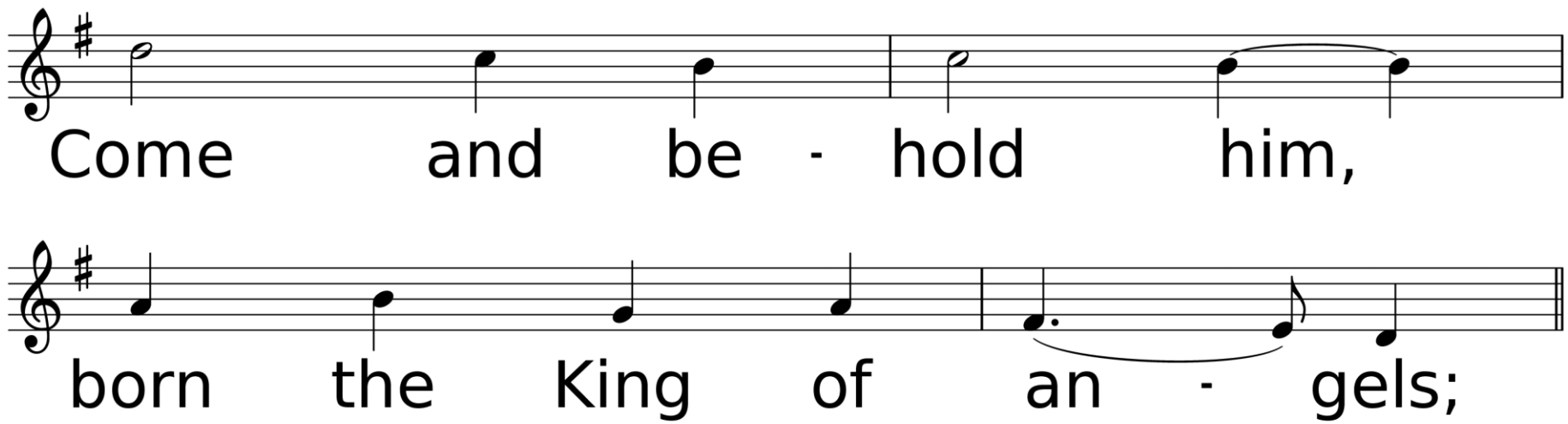
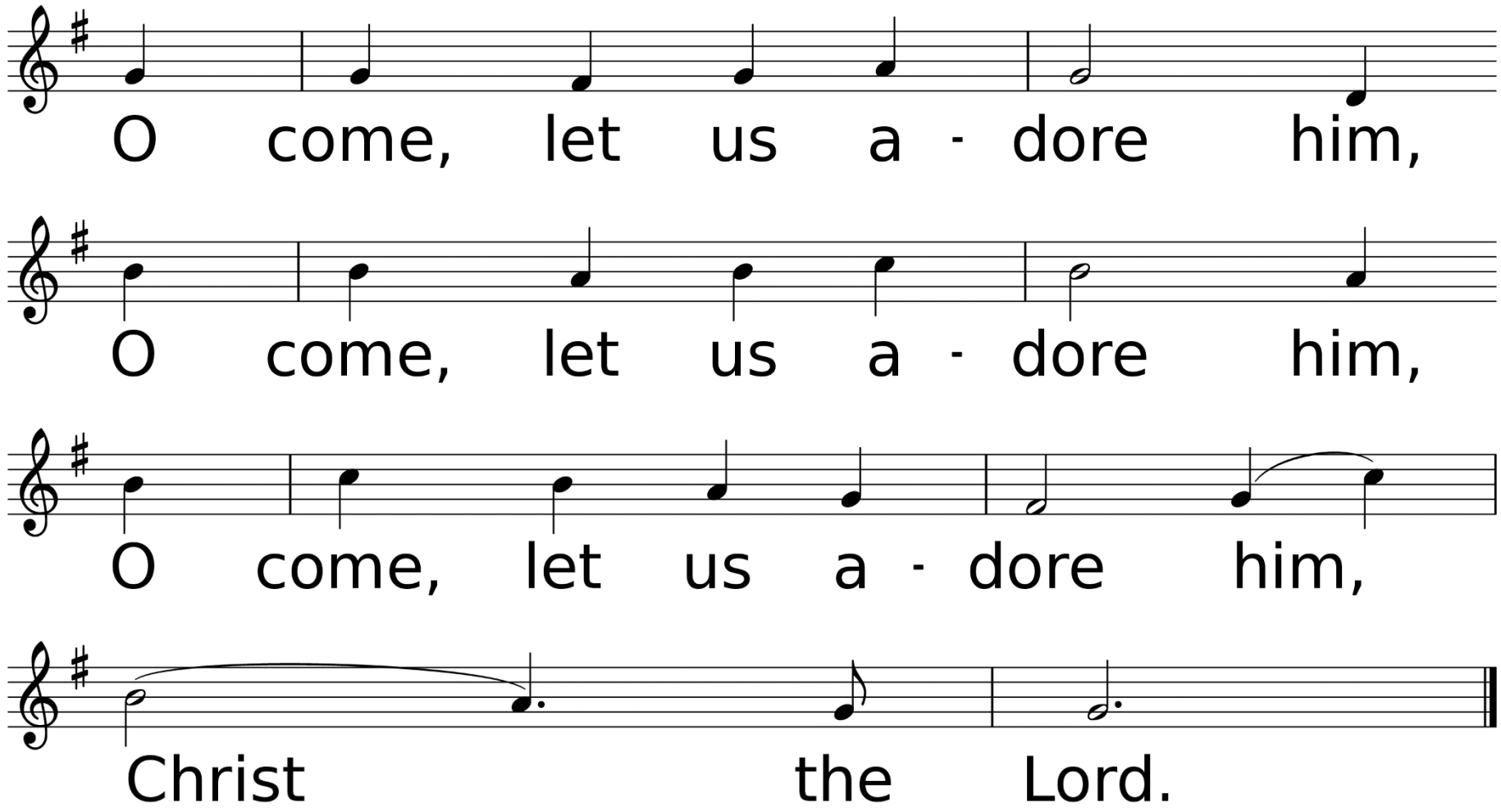

Come and be - hold him,
born the King of an - gels;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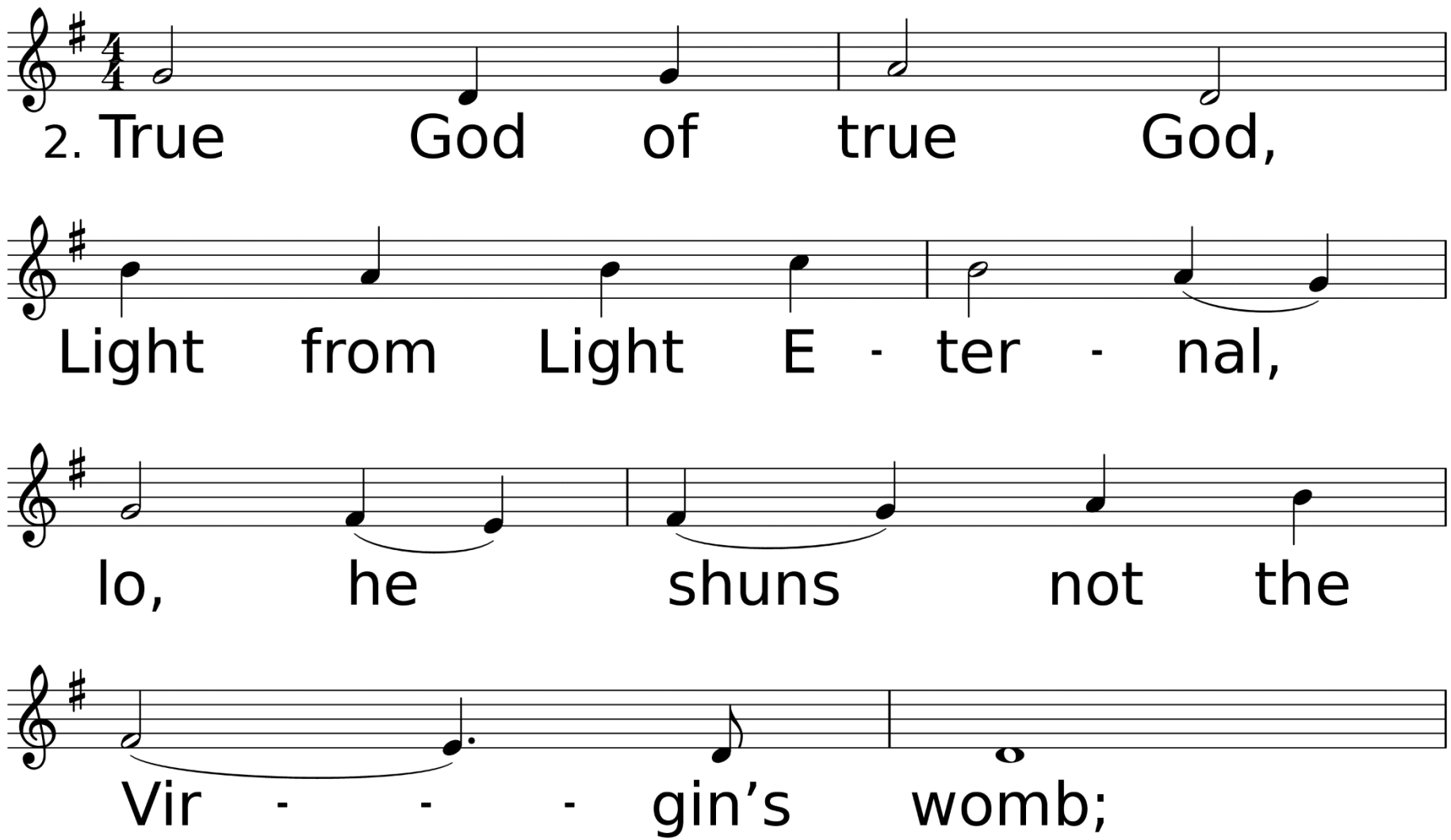
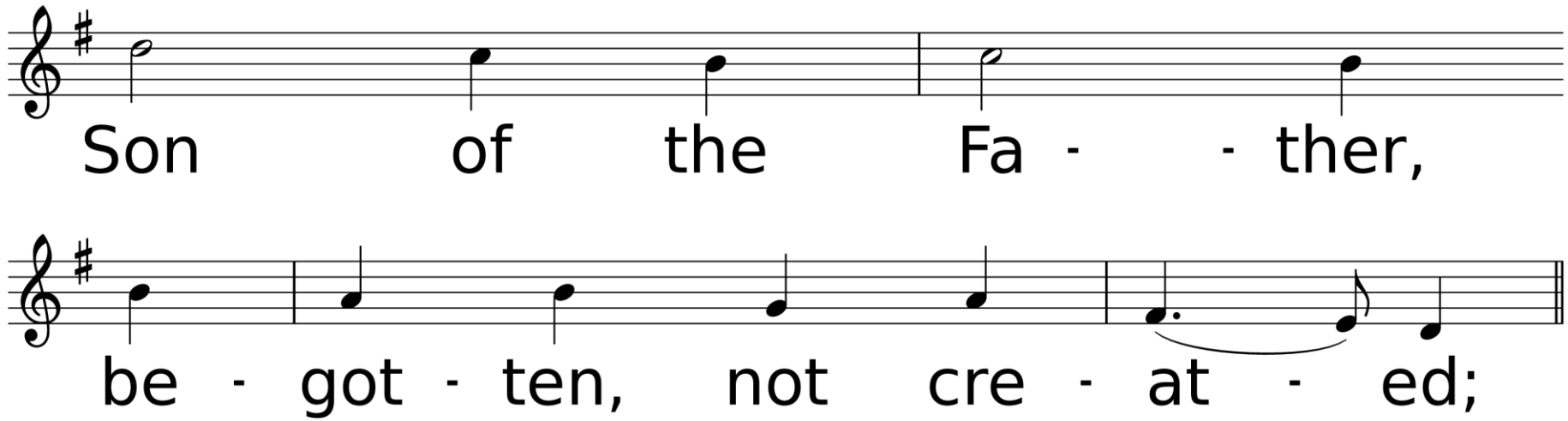
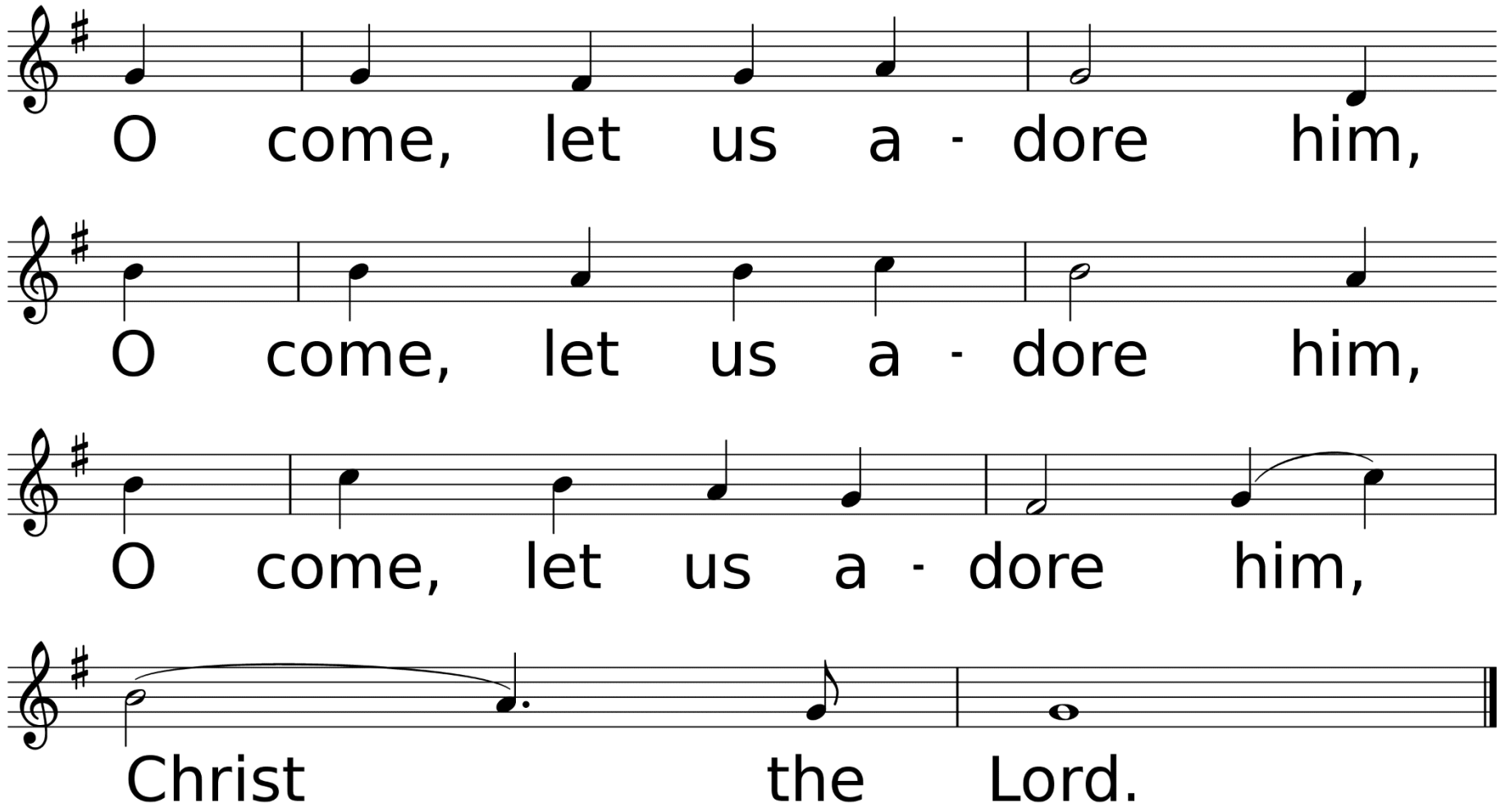
Christ the Lord.


2. True God of true God,
Light from Light E - ter - nal,
lo, he shuns not the
Vir - - - gin’s womb;


Son of the Fa - - ther,
be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;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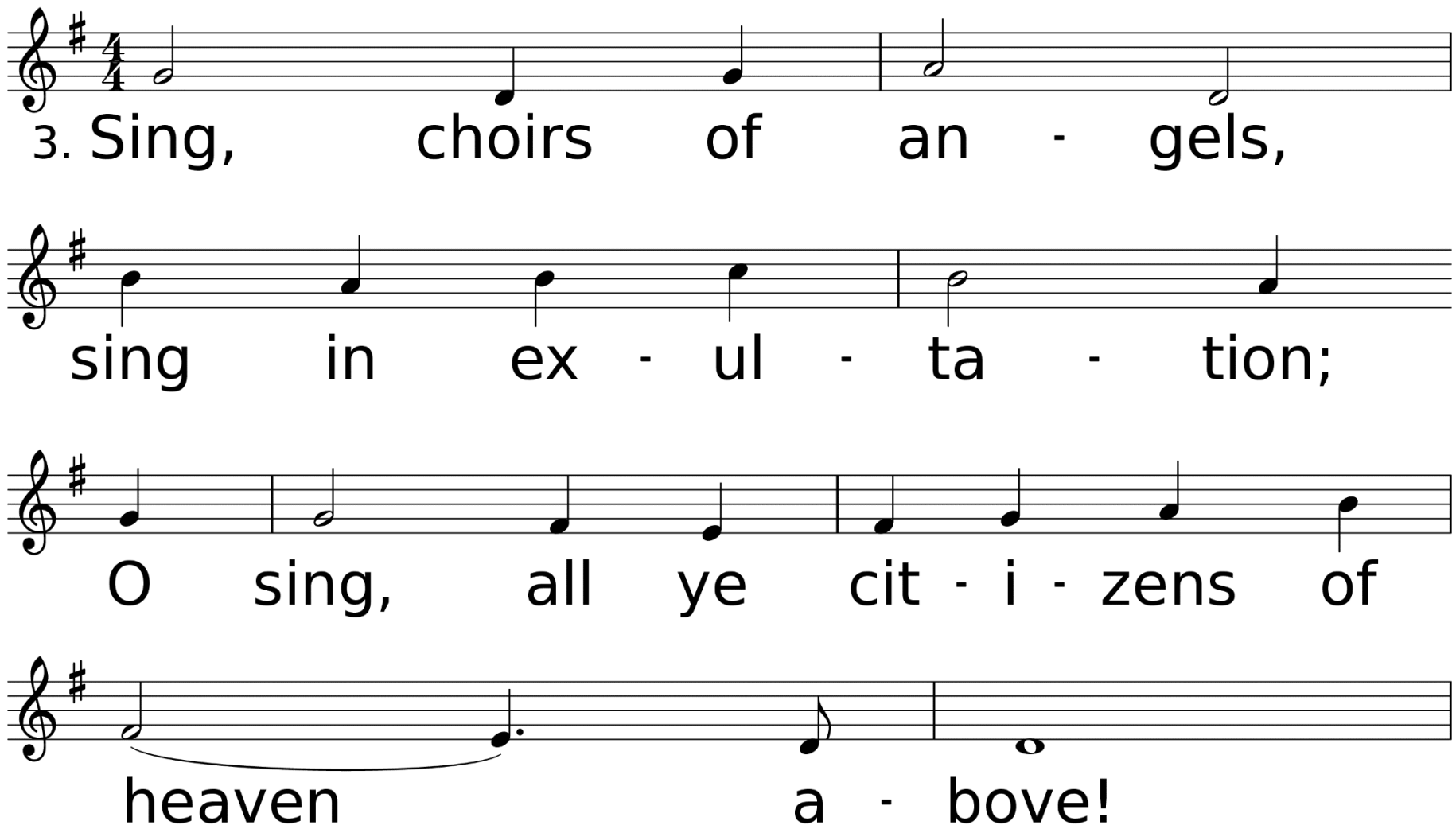
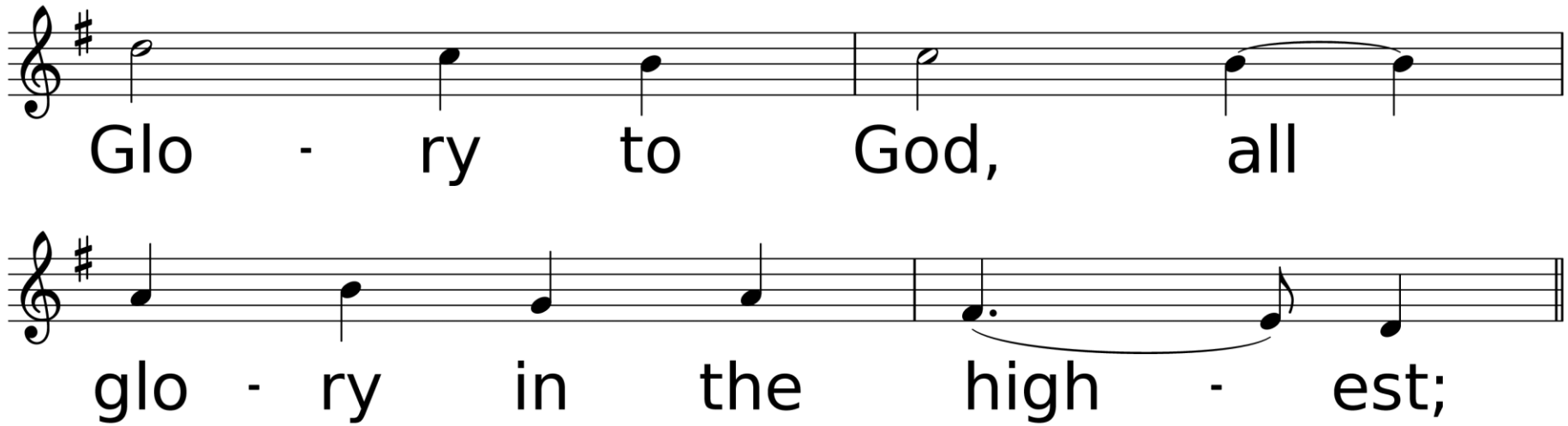
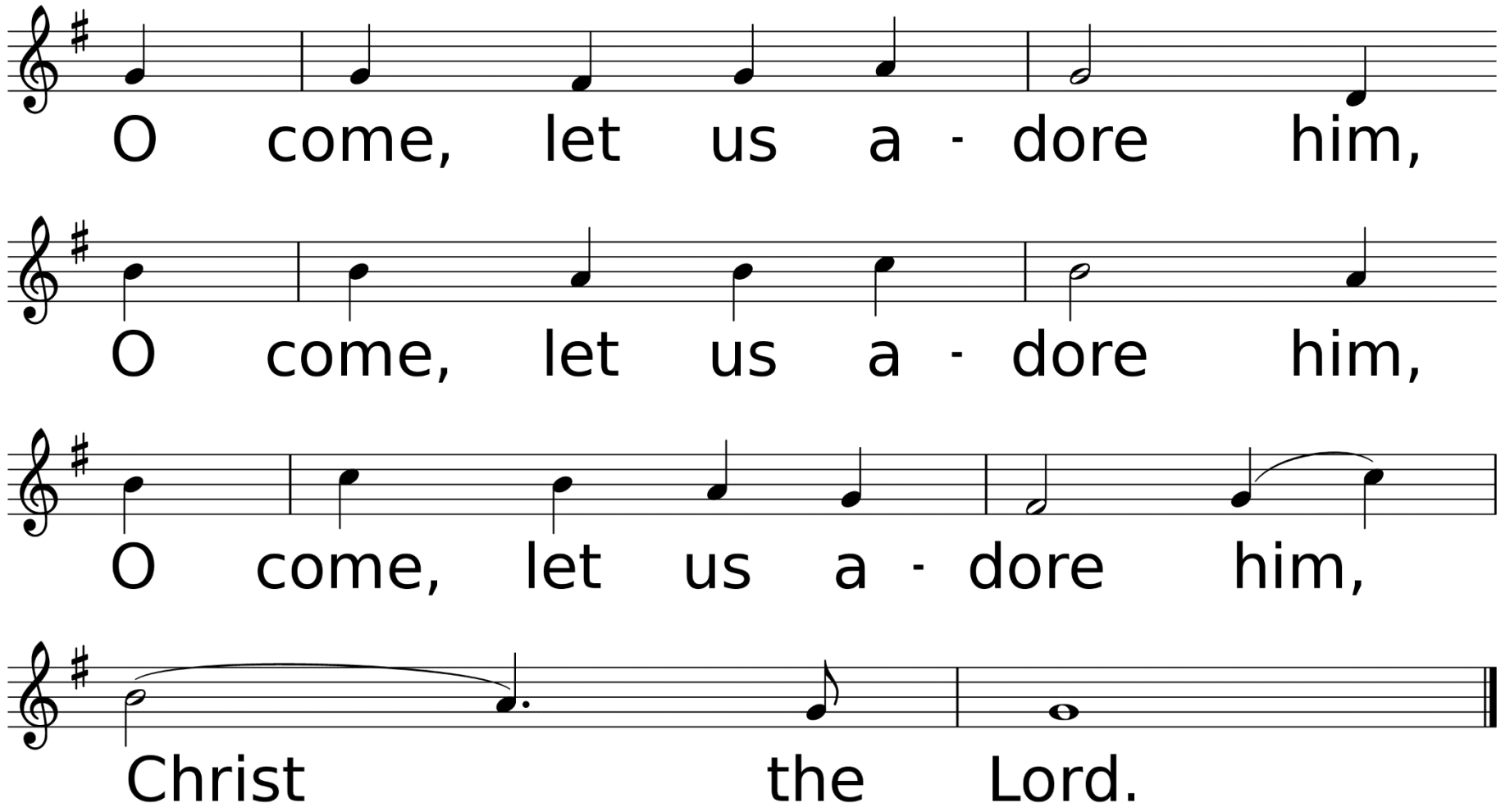

3. Sing, choirs of an - gels,
sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;
O sing, all ye cit - i - zens of
heaven a - bove!


Glo - ry to God, all
glo - ry in the high - est;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*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!

Congregation: Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

Congregation: Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

Congregation: God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones, for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

UMH #240, V 1,2, & 3

WORDS BY: Charles Wesley

MUSIC BY: Felix Mendelssohn

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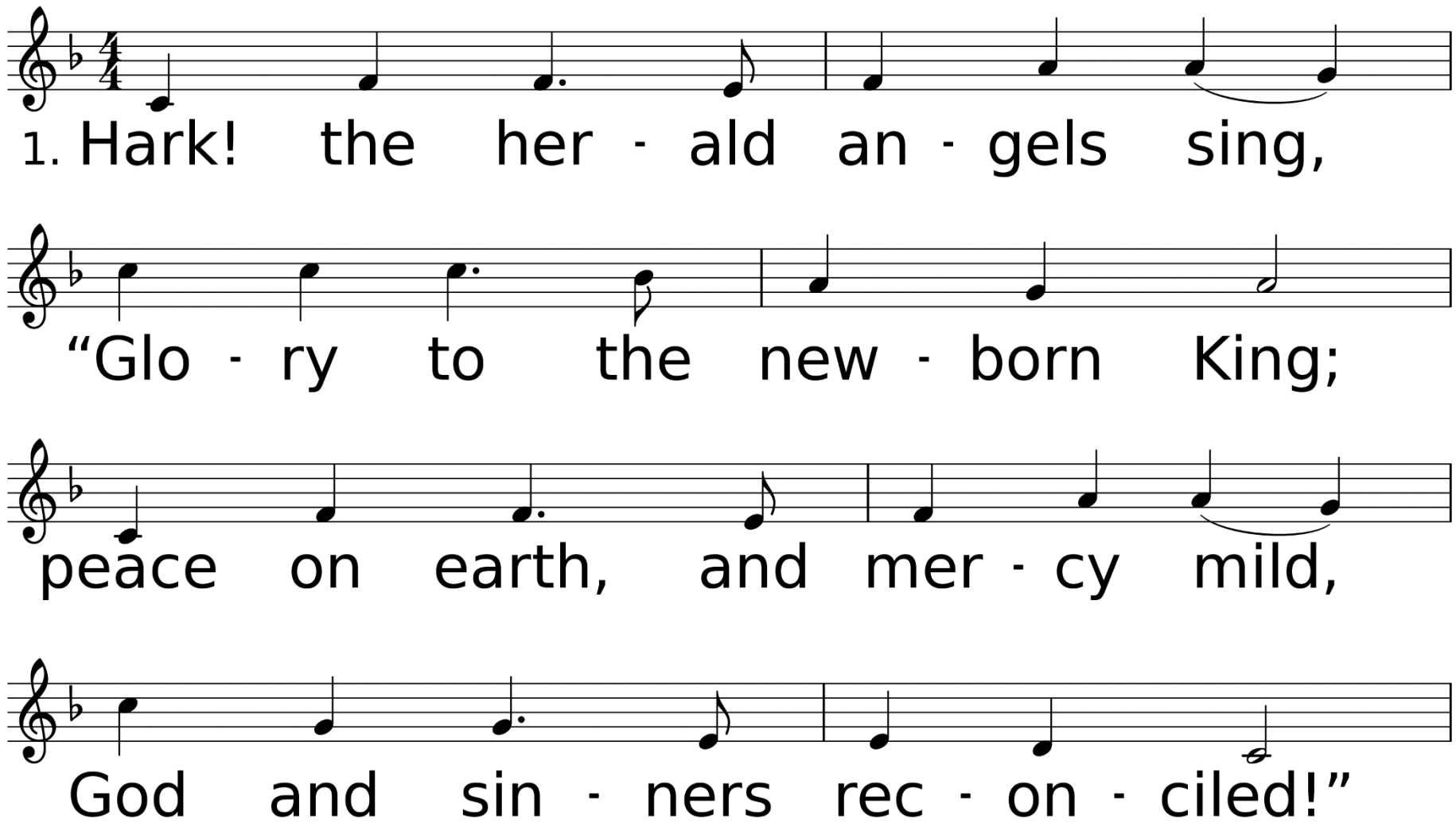

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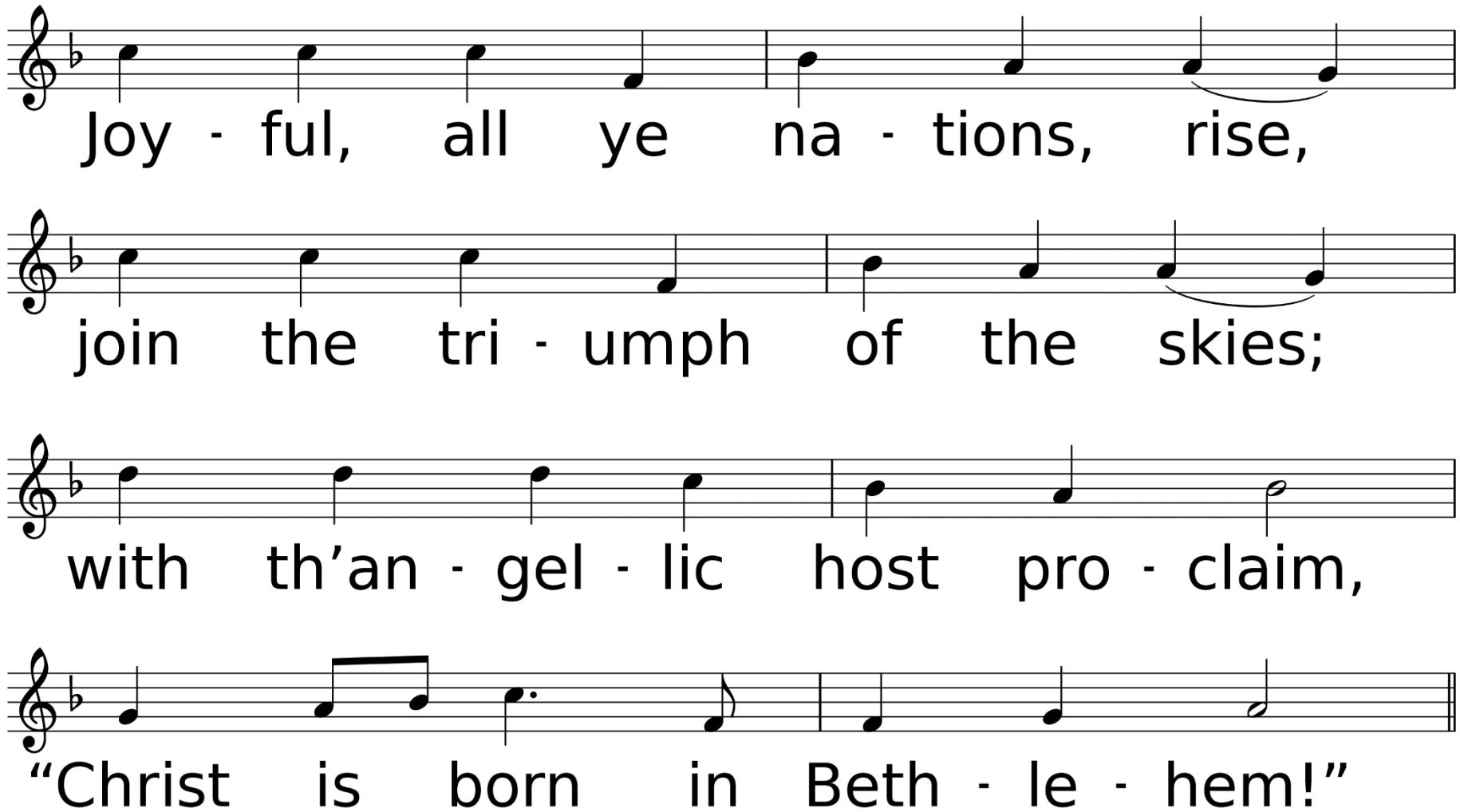
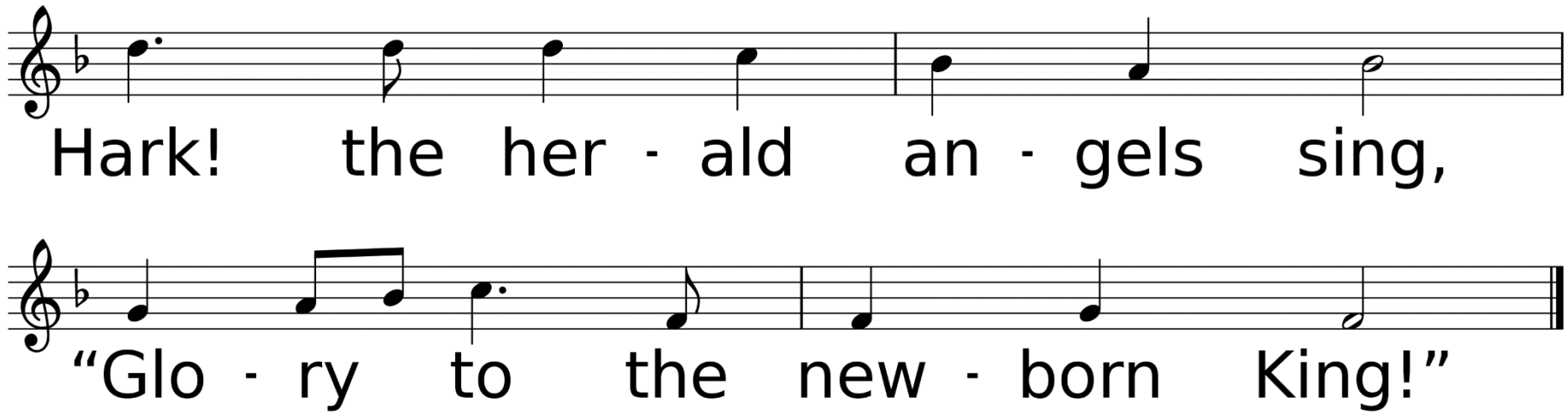
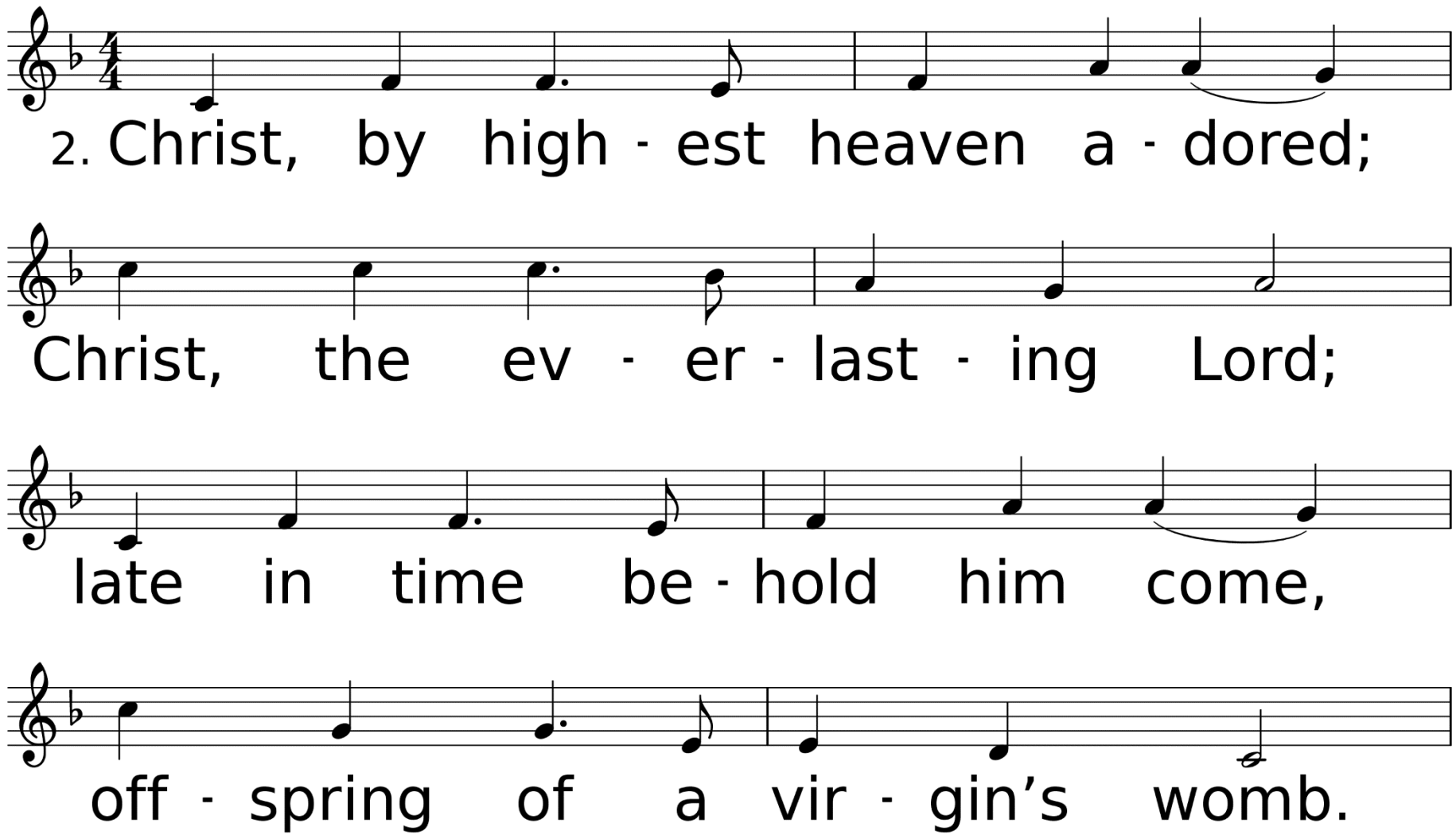
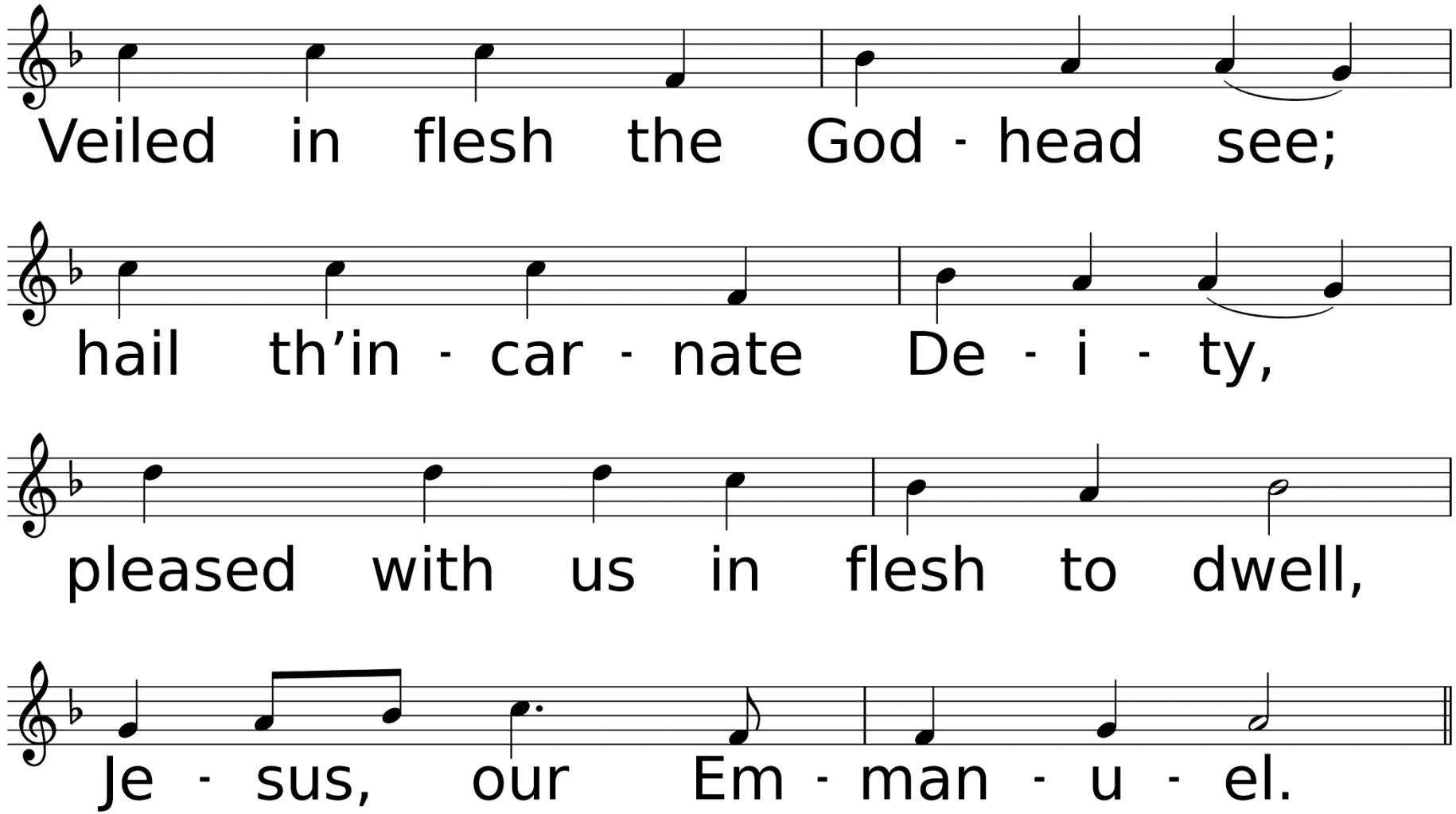
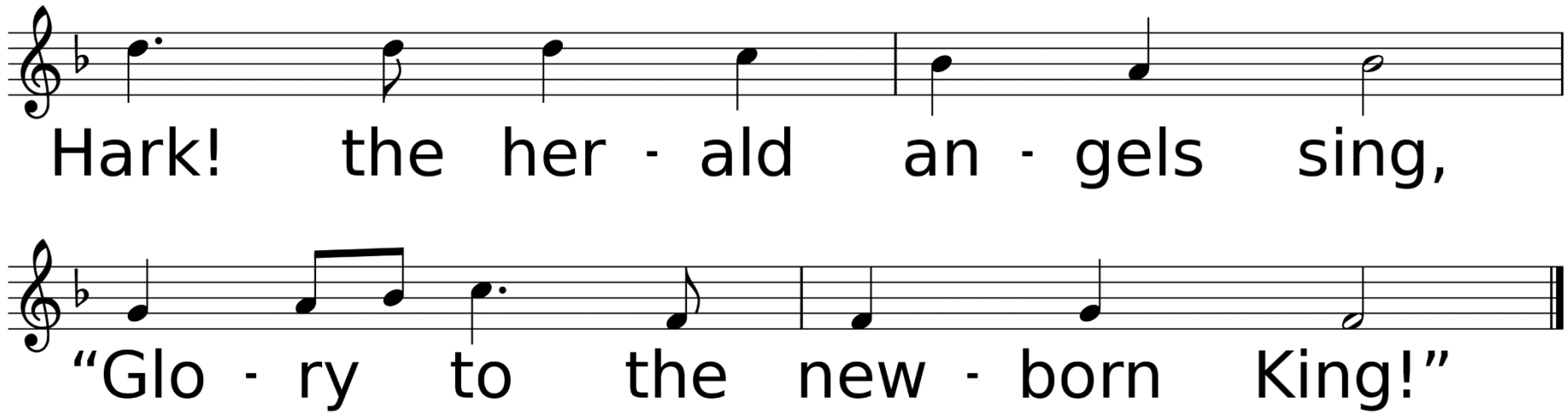

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,
join the tri - umph of the skies;
with th'an - gel - lic host pro - claim,
"Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"


Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,
“Glo - ry to the new - born King!”


2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored;
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
late in time be - hold him come,
off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.


Veiled in flesh the God - head see;
hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.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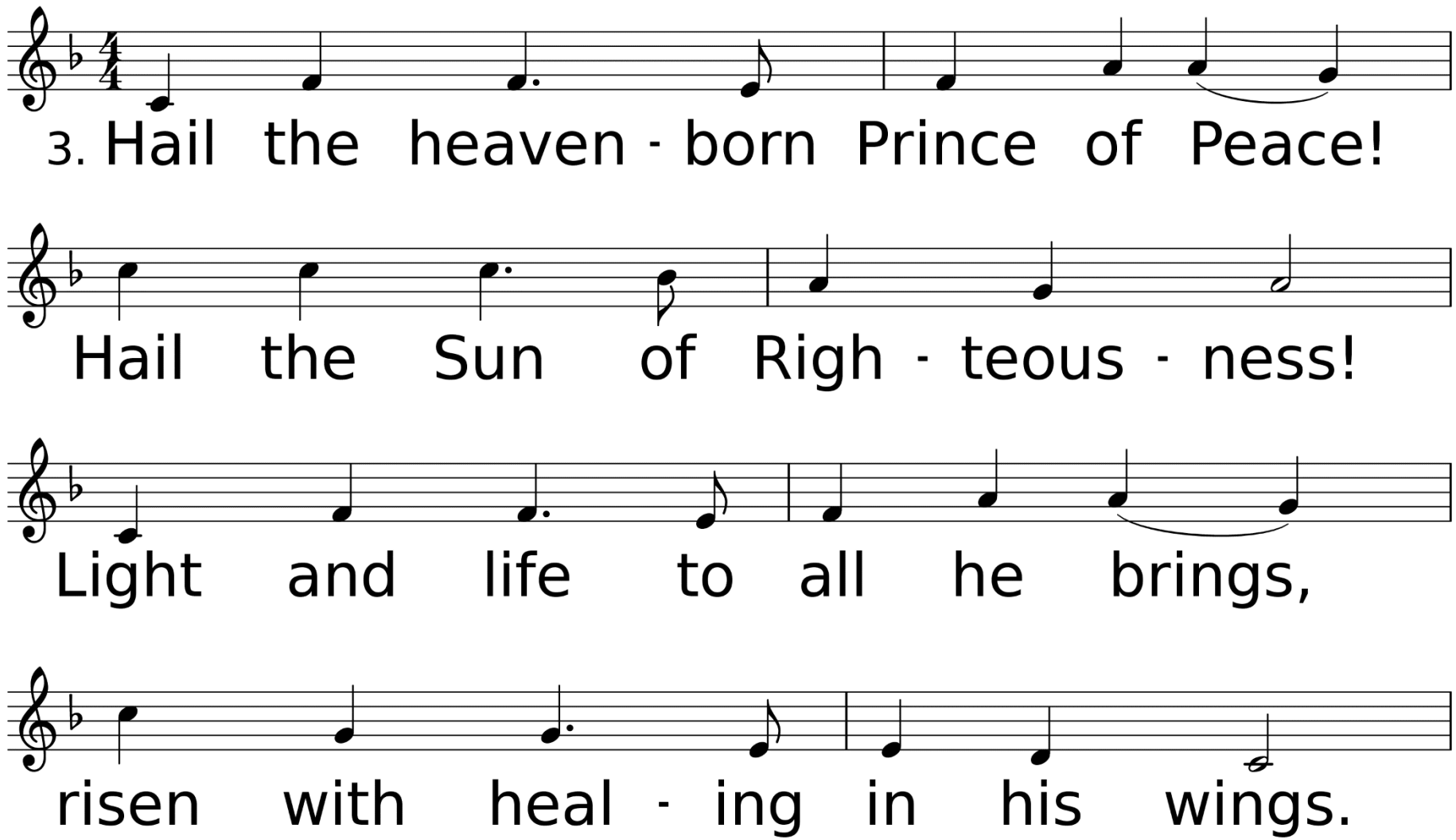
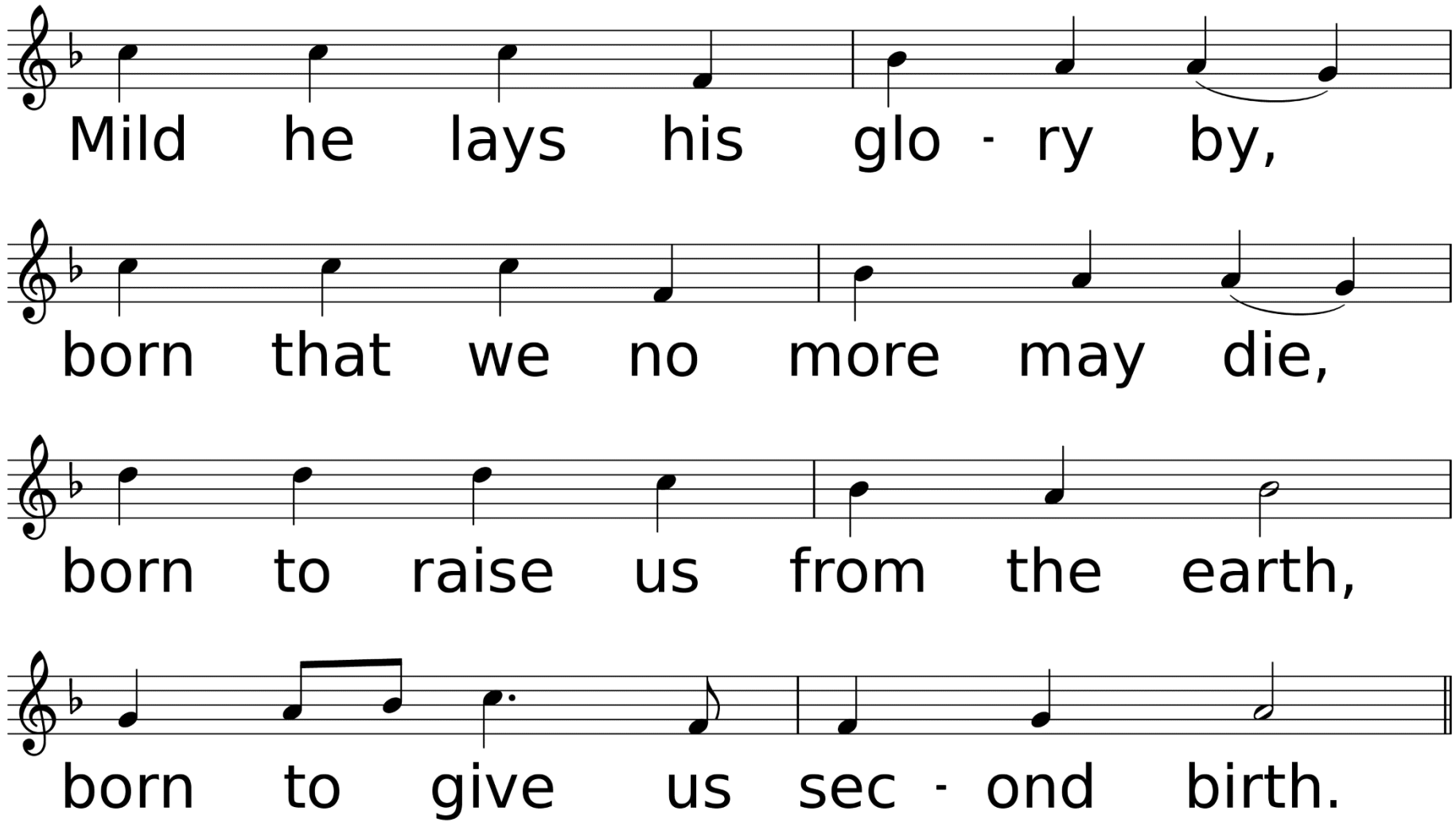
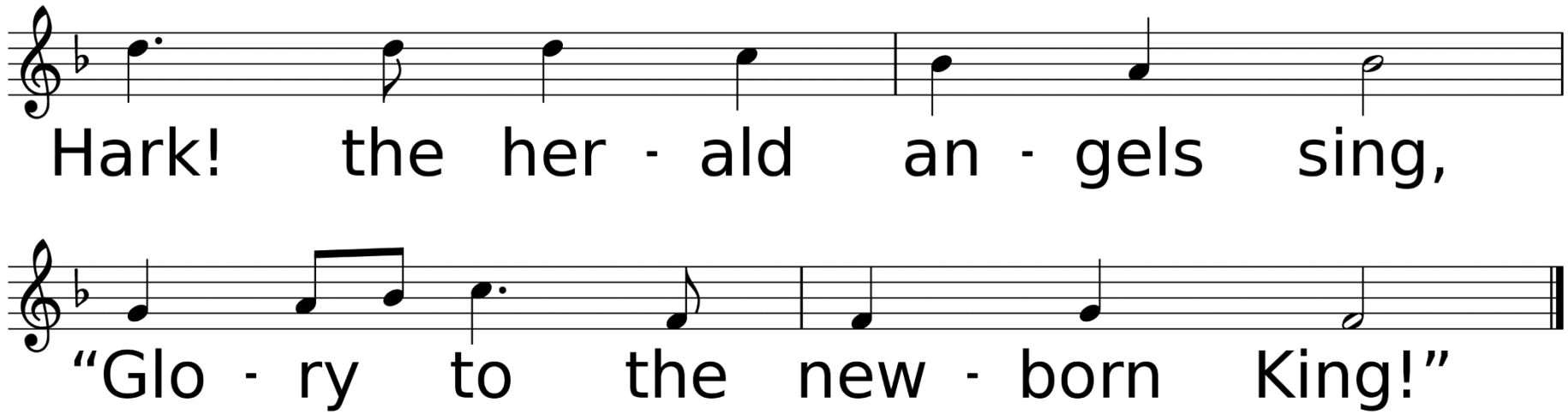

3. Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with heal - ing in his wings.


Mild he lays his glo - ry by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us sec - ond birth.


Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,
“Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH #238, V 1, 2, & 4

WORDS BY: French Carol

MUSIC BY: Edward Barnes

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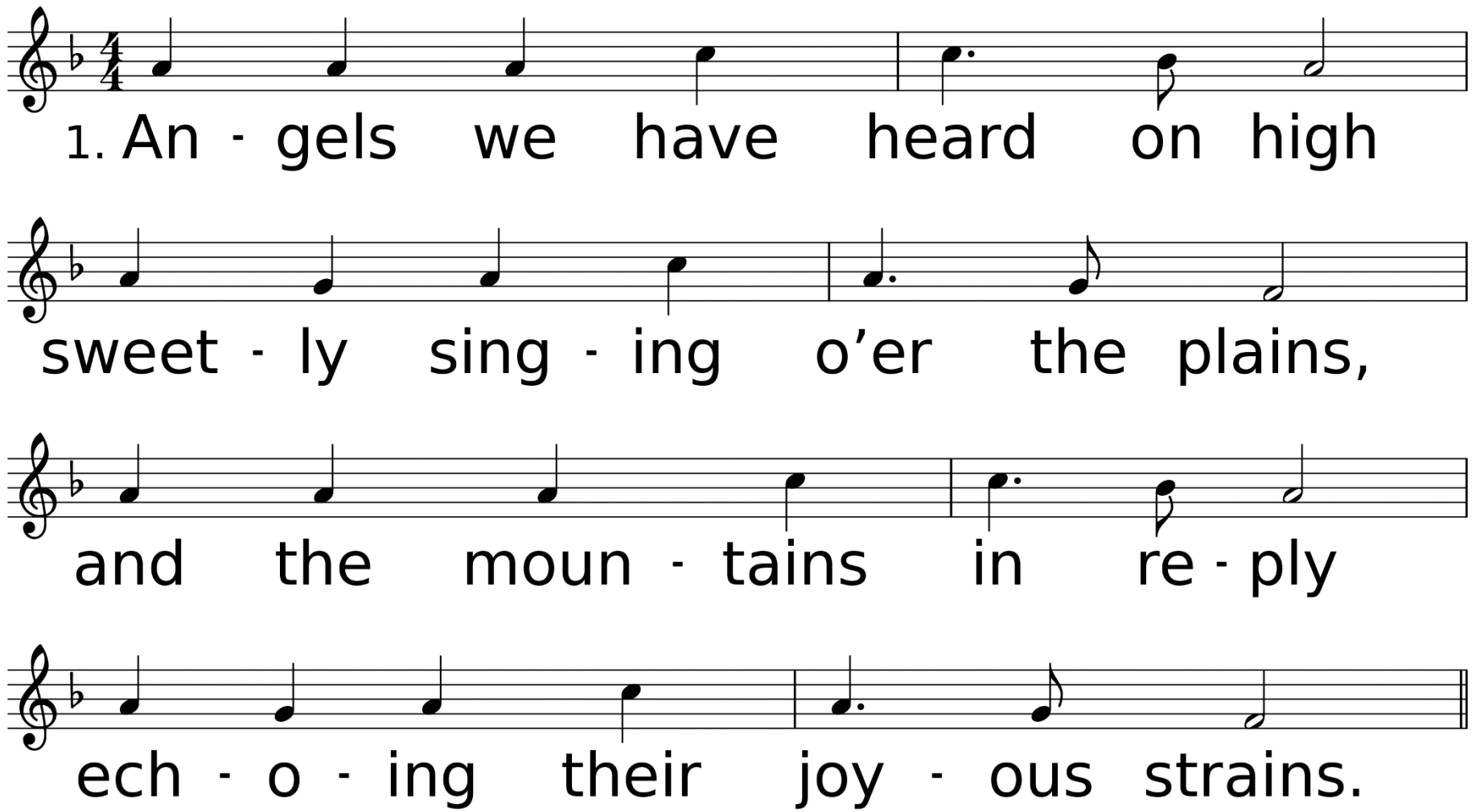
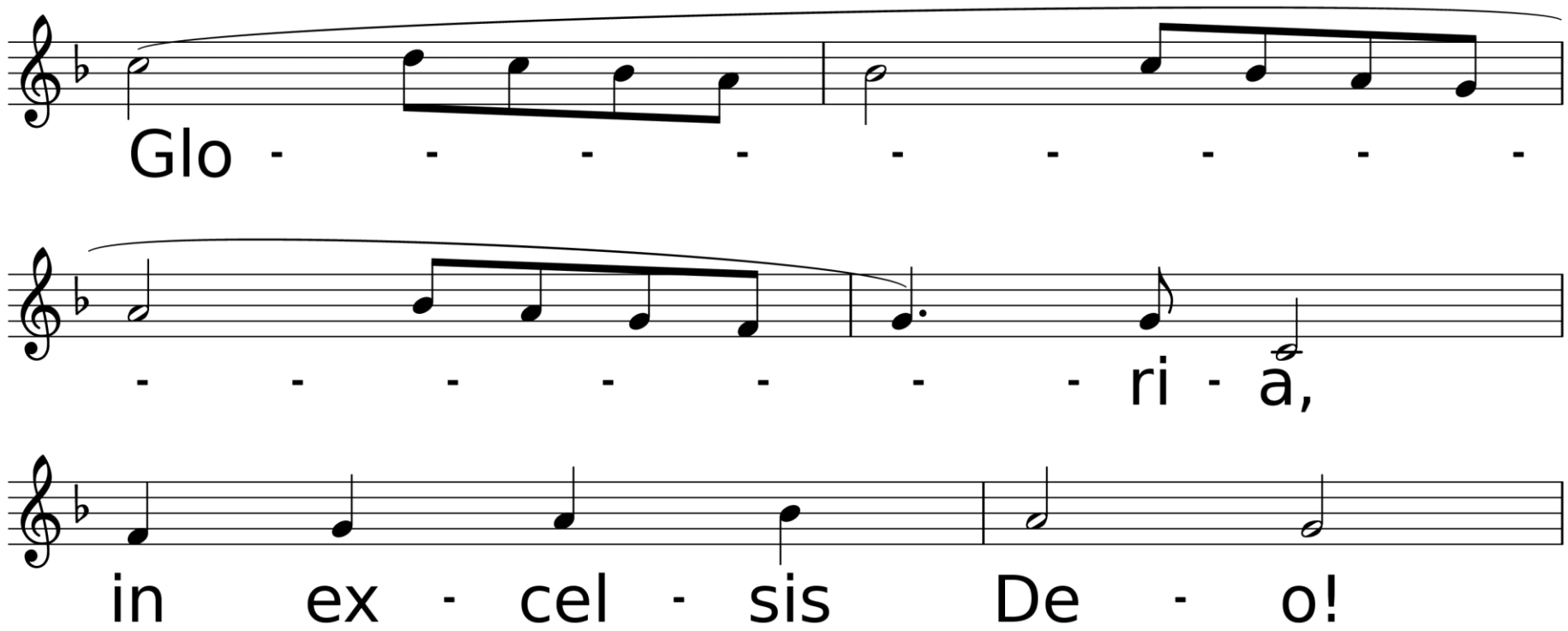


WORDS: Trad. French carol; trans. Crown of Jesus, 1862, alt. (Lk. 2:6-20)
MUSIC (GLORIA 77.77 with Refrain): French carol melody; arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964, © 1964 Abingdon Press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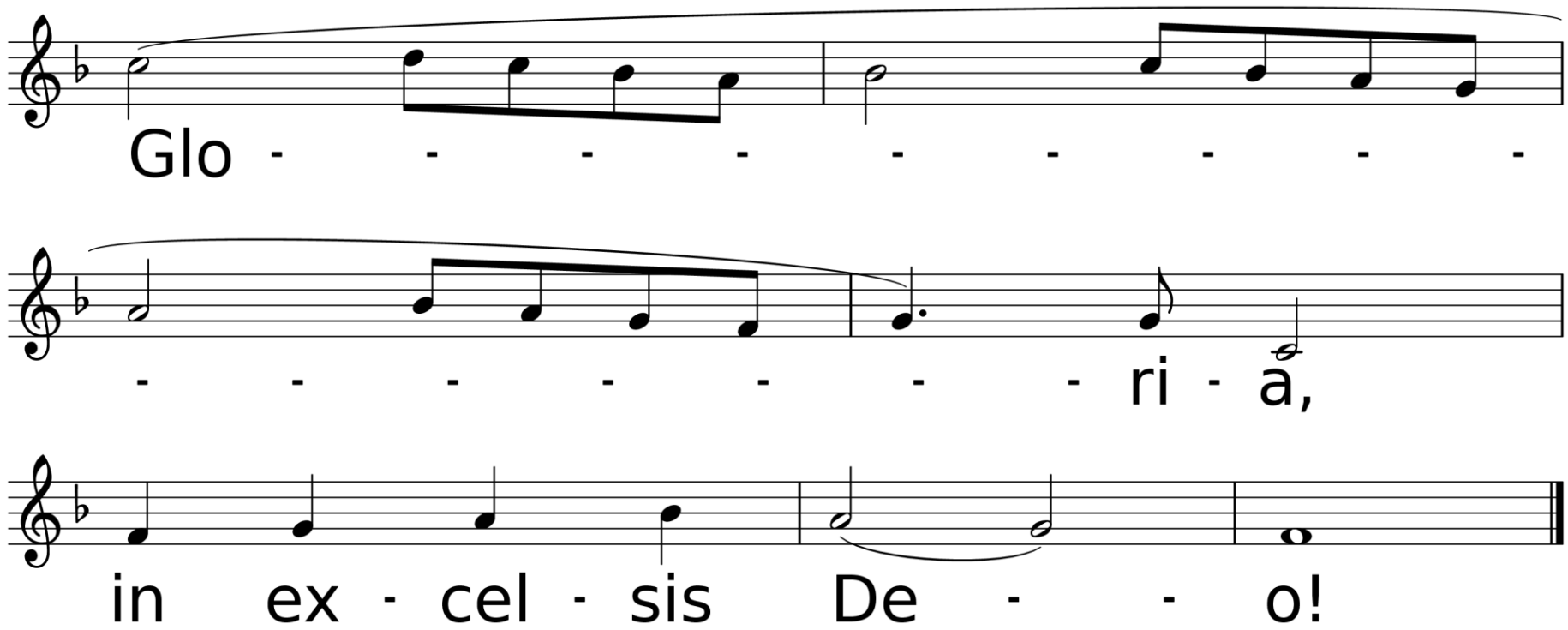
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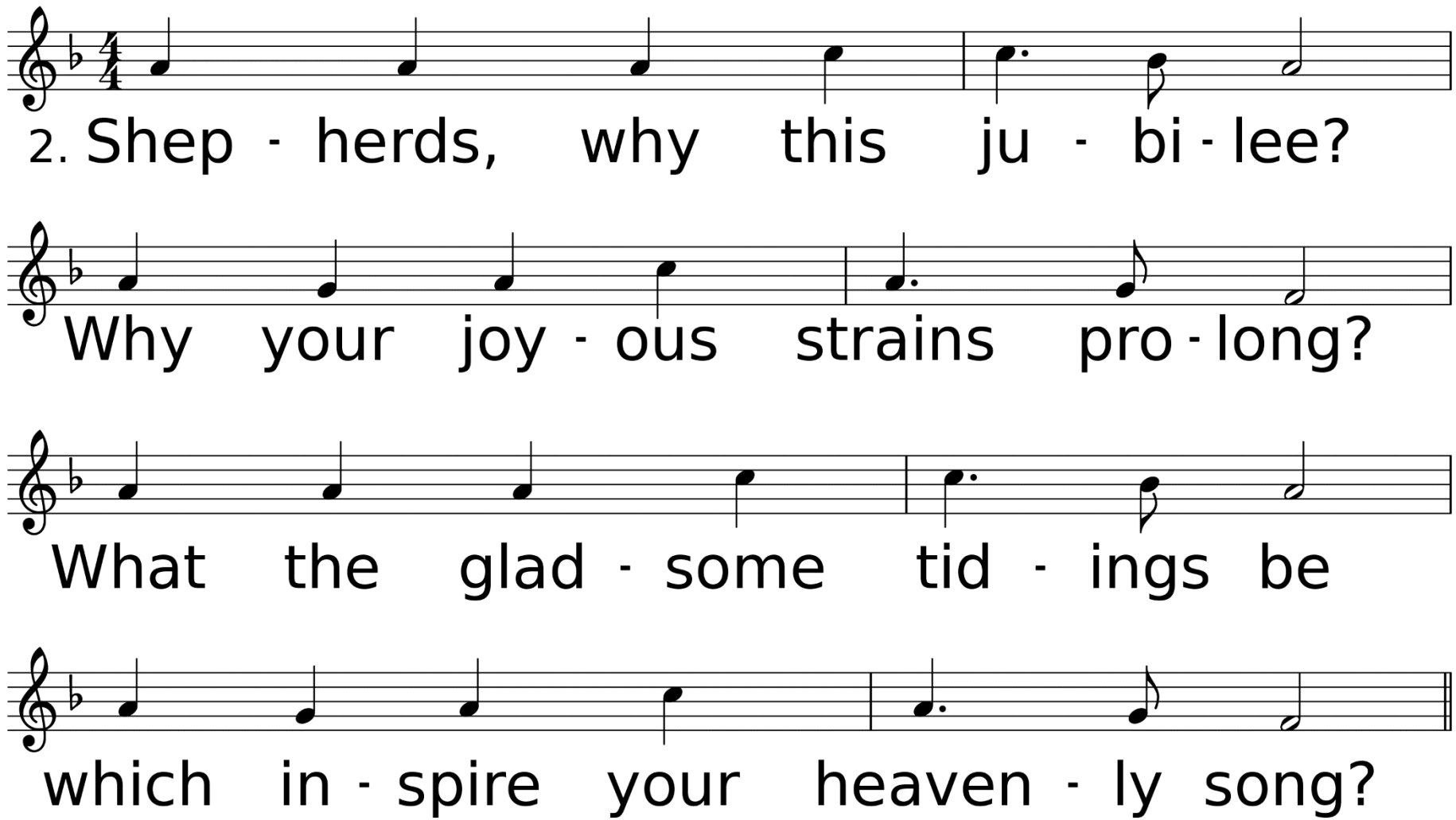
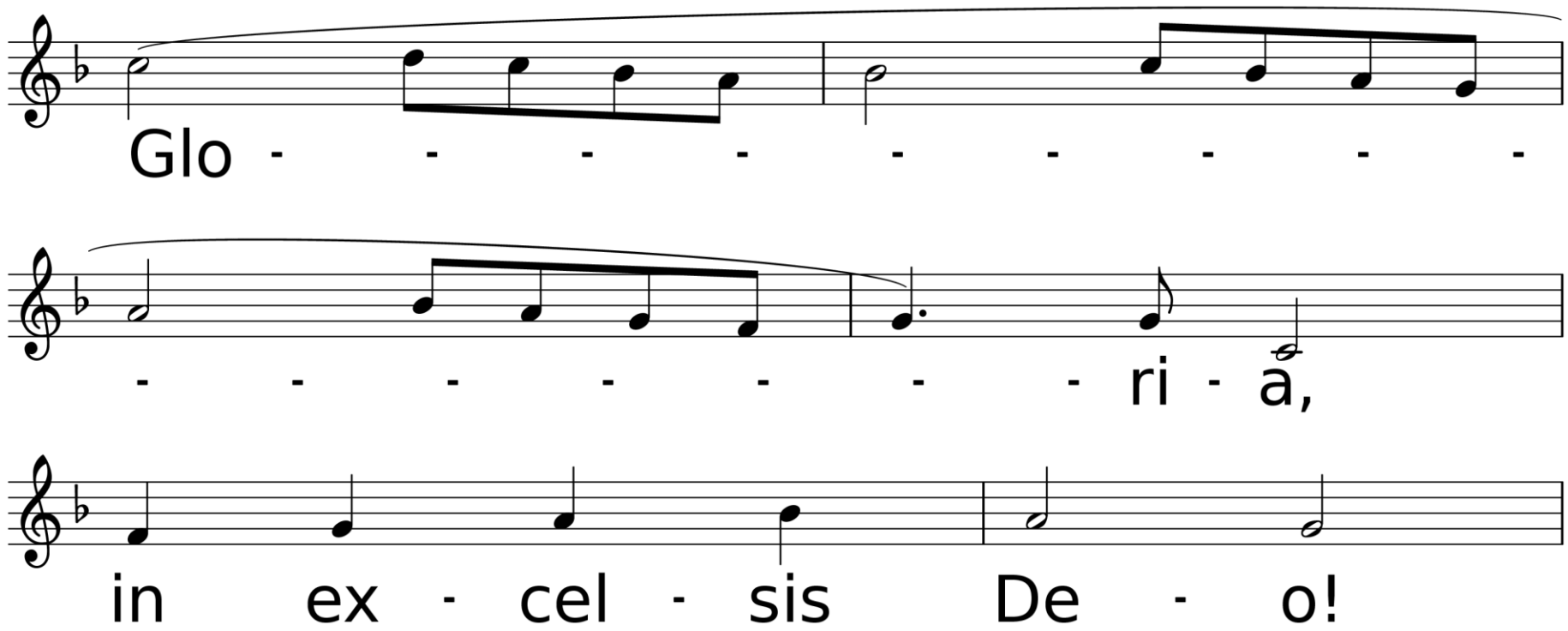

2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee?
Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
What the glad - some tid - ings be
which in - spire your heaven - ly song?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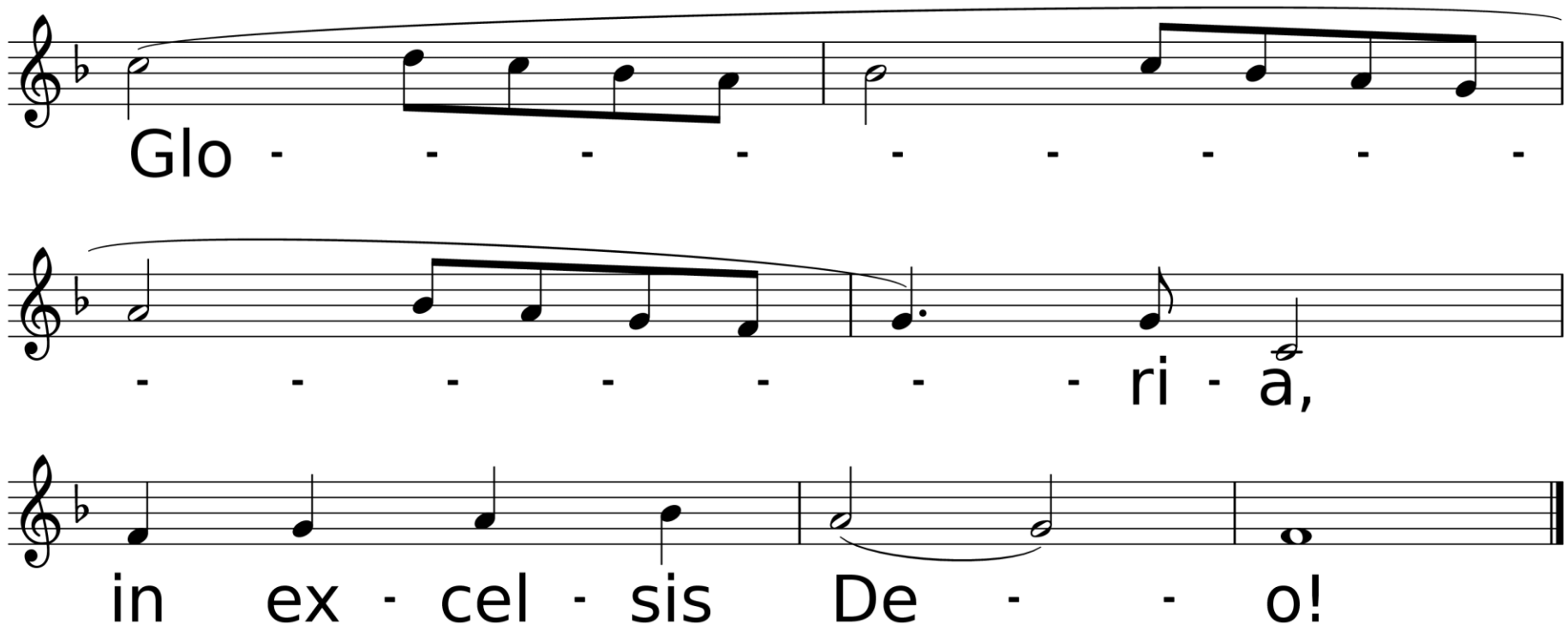
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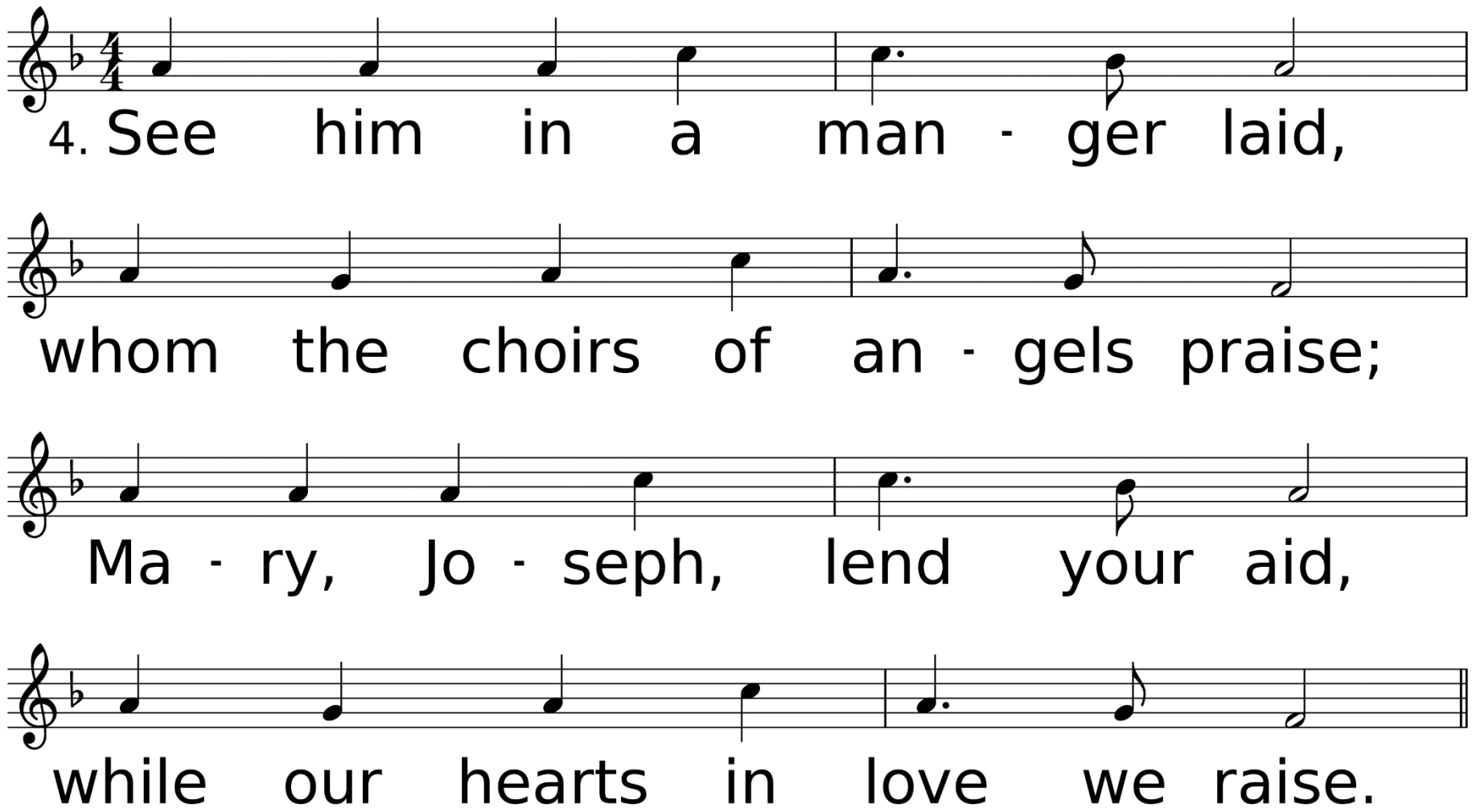
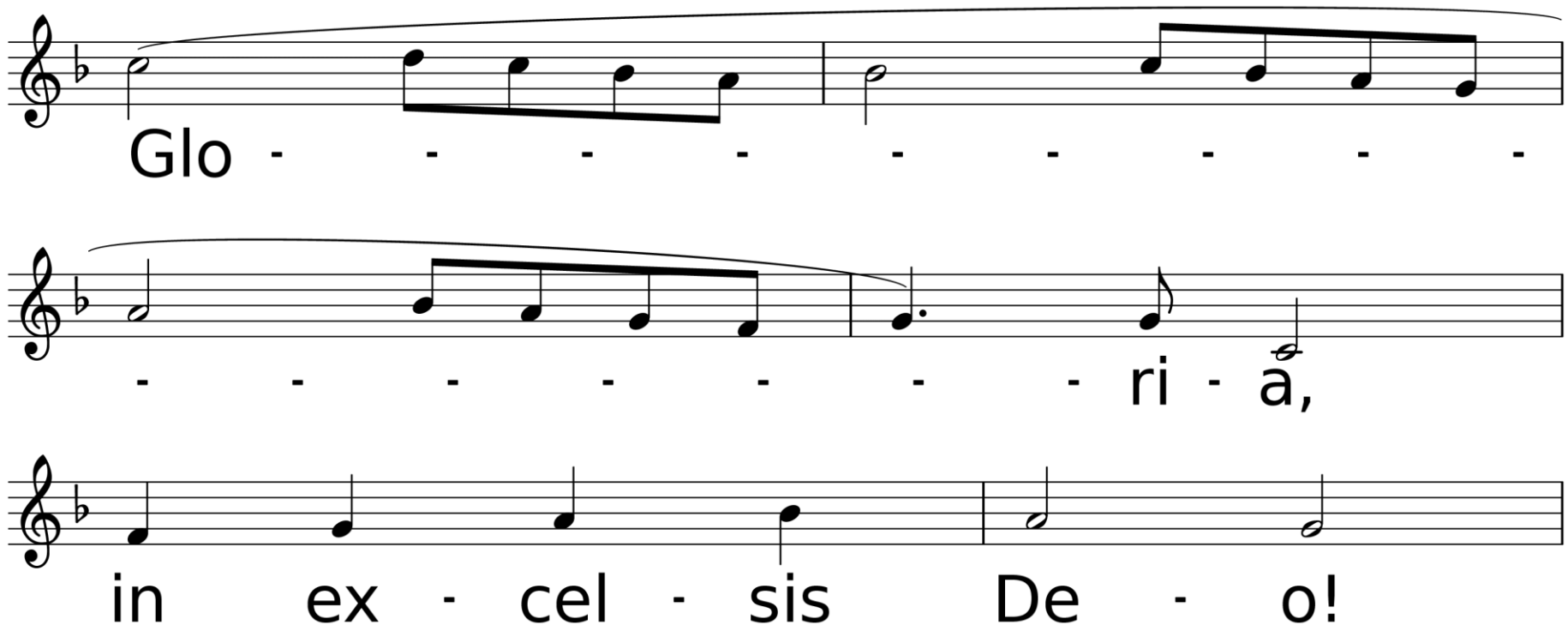

4. See him in a man - ger laid,
whom the choirs of an - gels praise;
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.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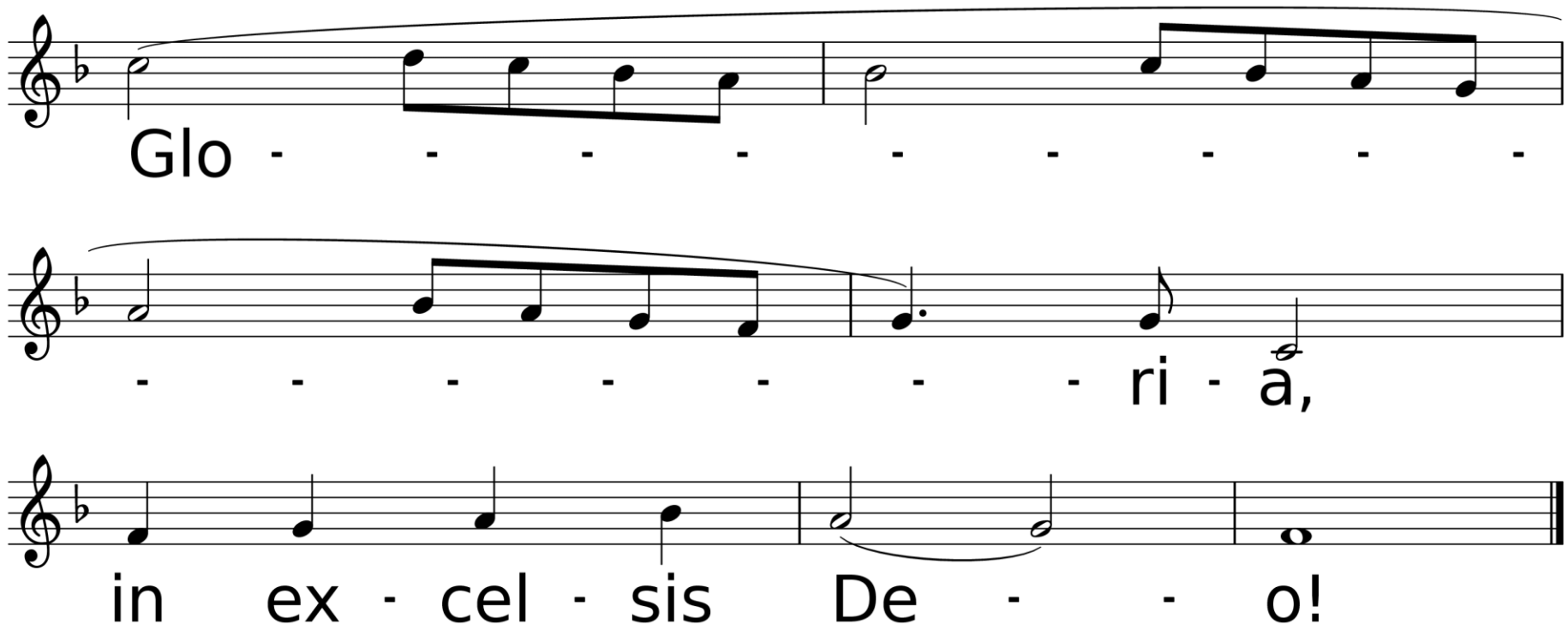
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in ex - cel - sis De - - o!

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Congregation: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter

and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.



Sharing Of Our Joys & Concerns

Call To Prayer
Away in a Manger

UMH #217, V 1 & 3

WORDS BY: ANON.

MUSIC BY: James R. Murray

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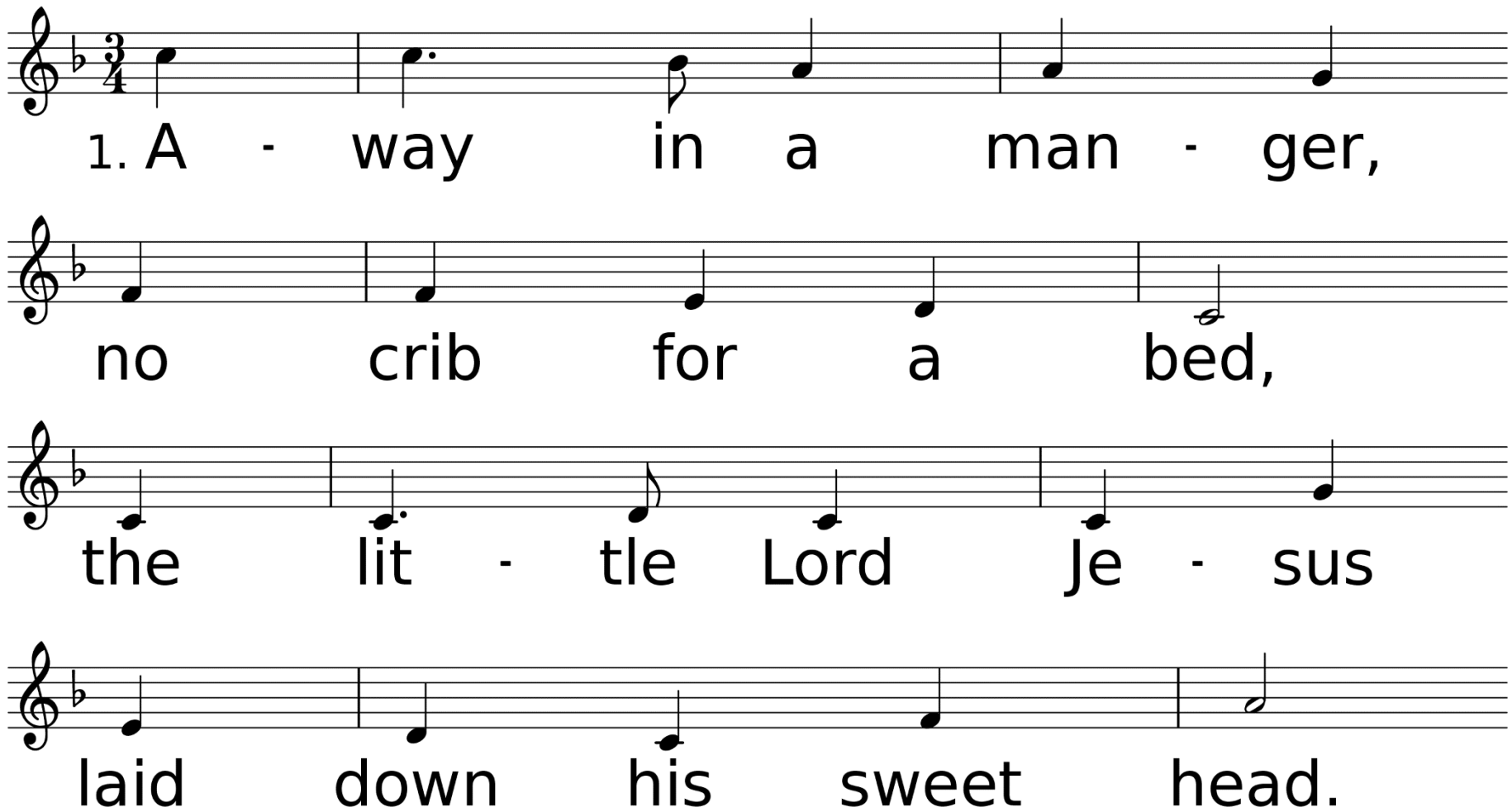
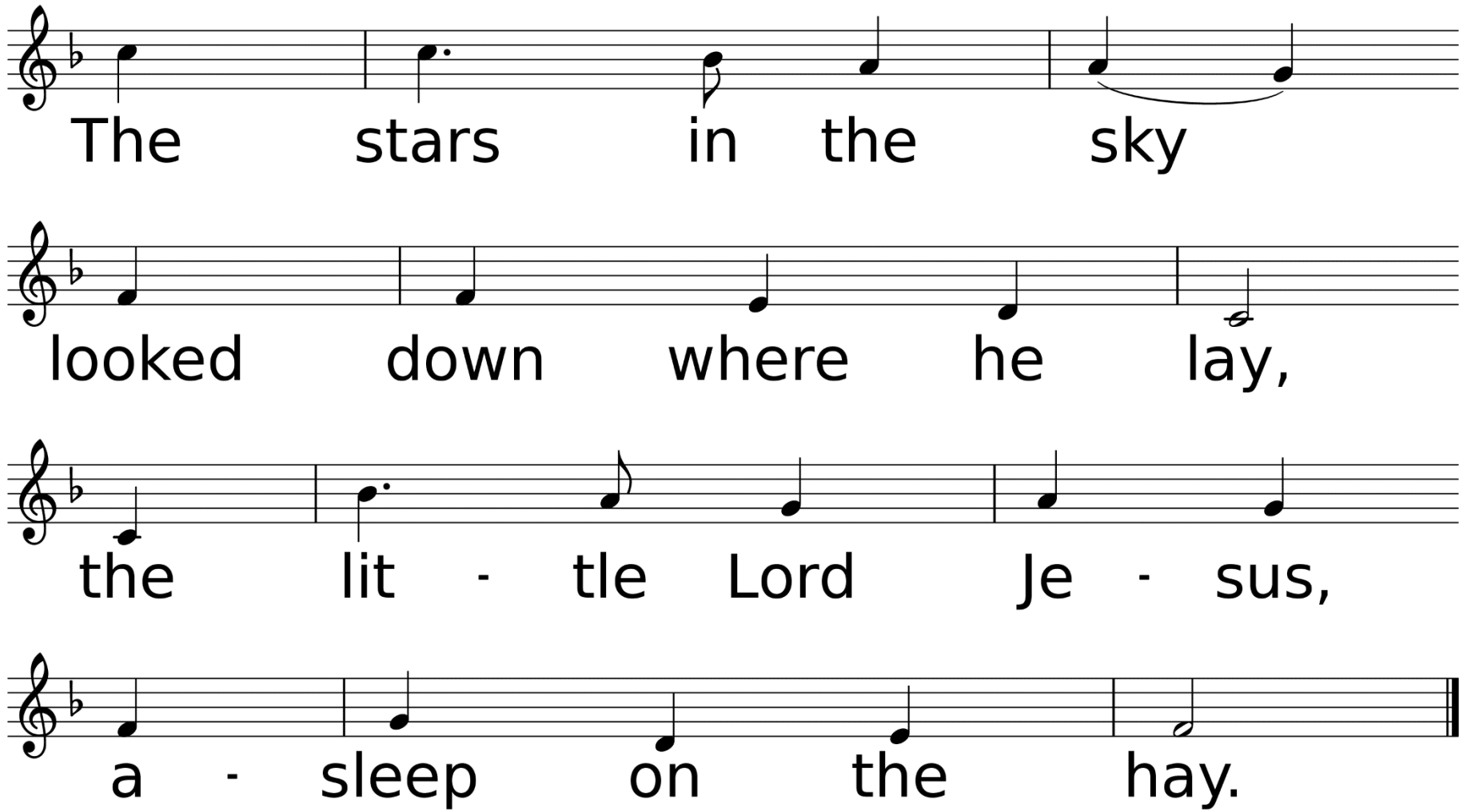
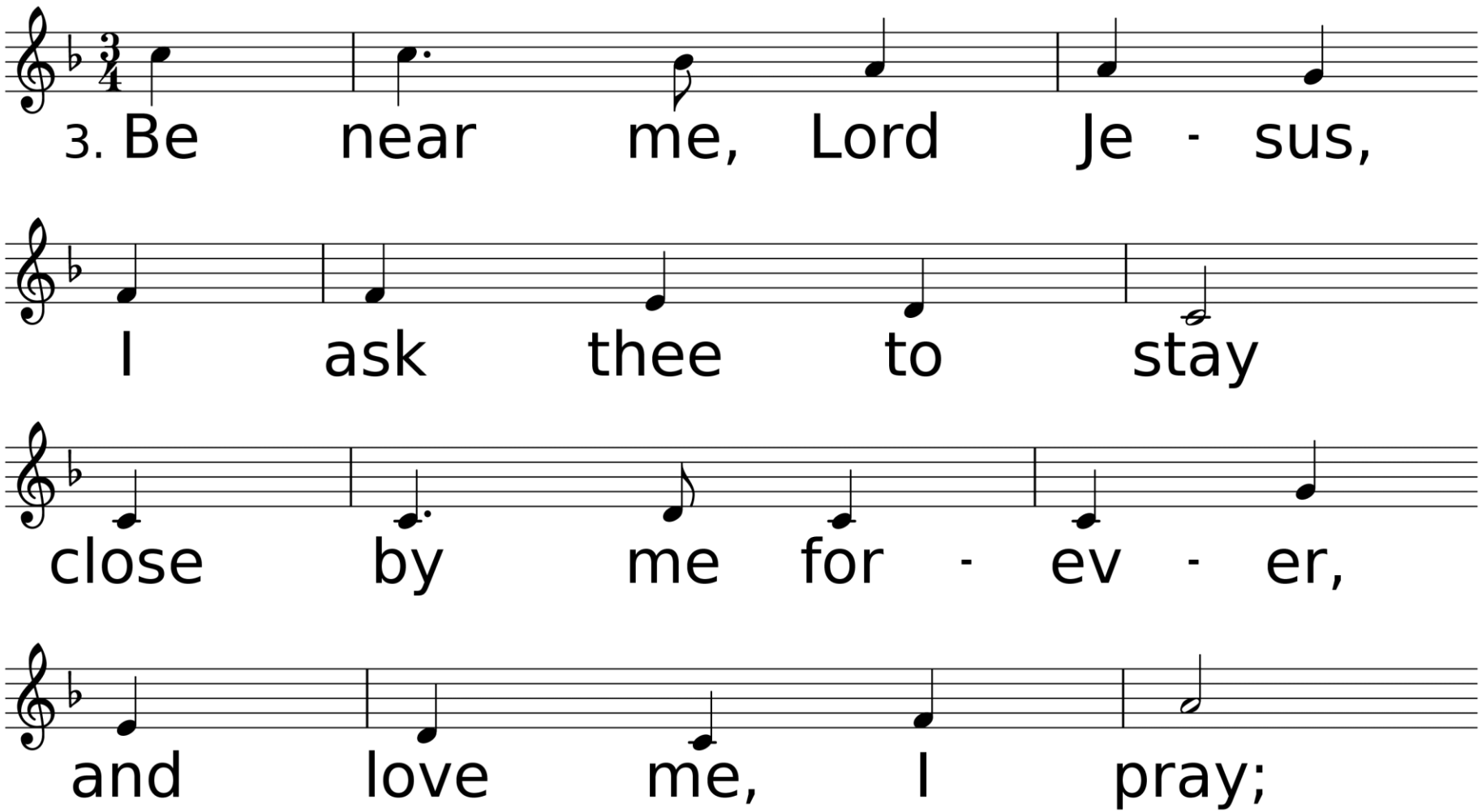
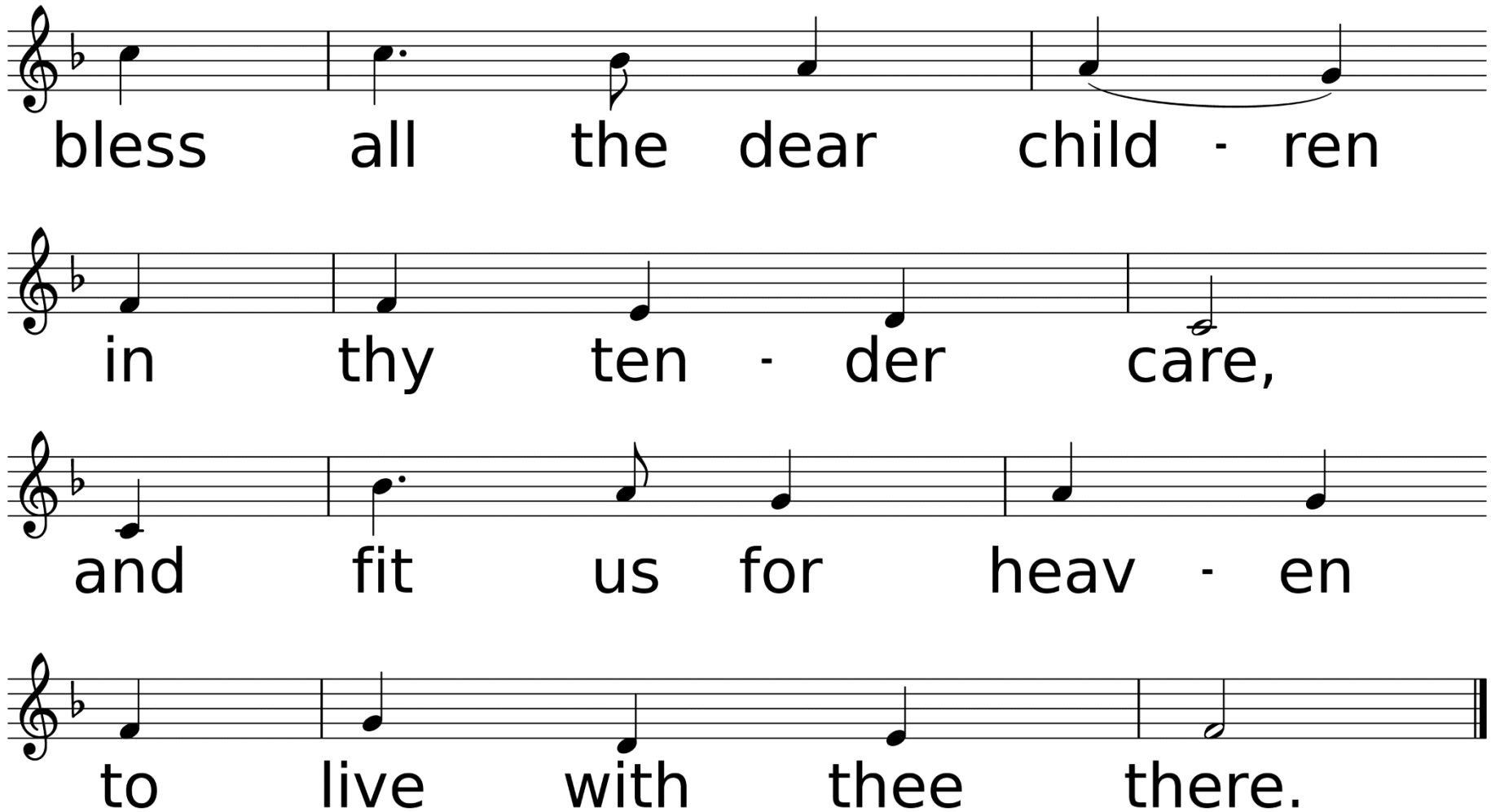


WORDS: Anon. (Lk. 2:7)
MUSIC (AWAY IN A MANGER 11 11.11 11): James R. Murray, 1887


The stars in the sky
looked down where he lay,
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus,
a - sleep on the hay.


3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus,
I ask thee to stay
close by me for - ev - er,
and love me, I pray;


bless all the dear child - ren
in thy ten - der care,
and fit us for heav - en
to live with thee there.



Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer


Offering Prayer &
Return of God's
Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

#94

Worlds by Thomas Ken

Music from geistliche Kirchengesange

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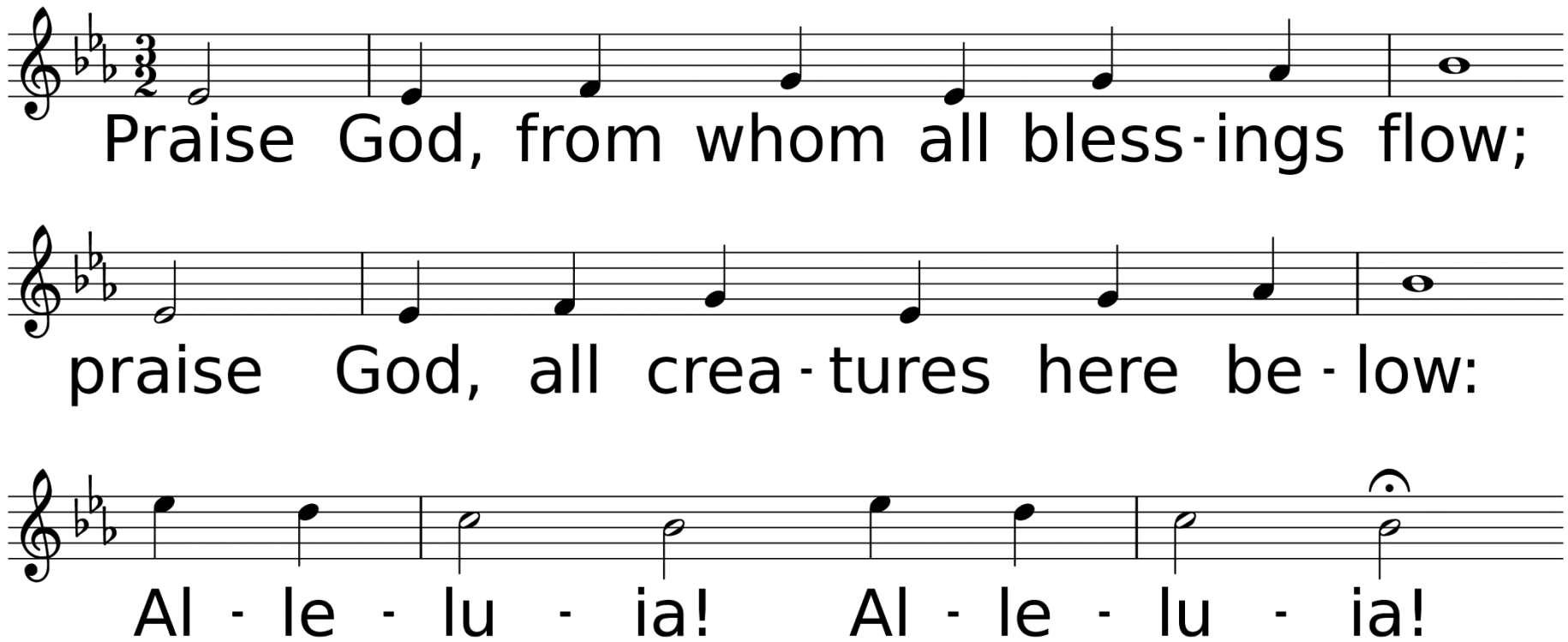

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978; adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House,
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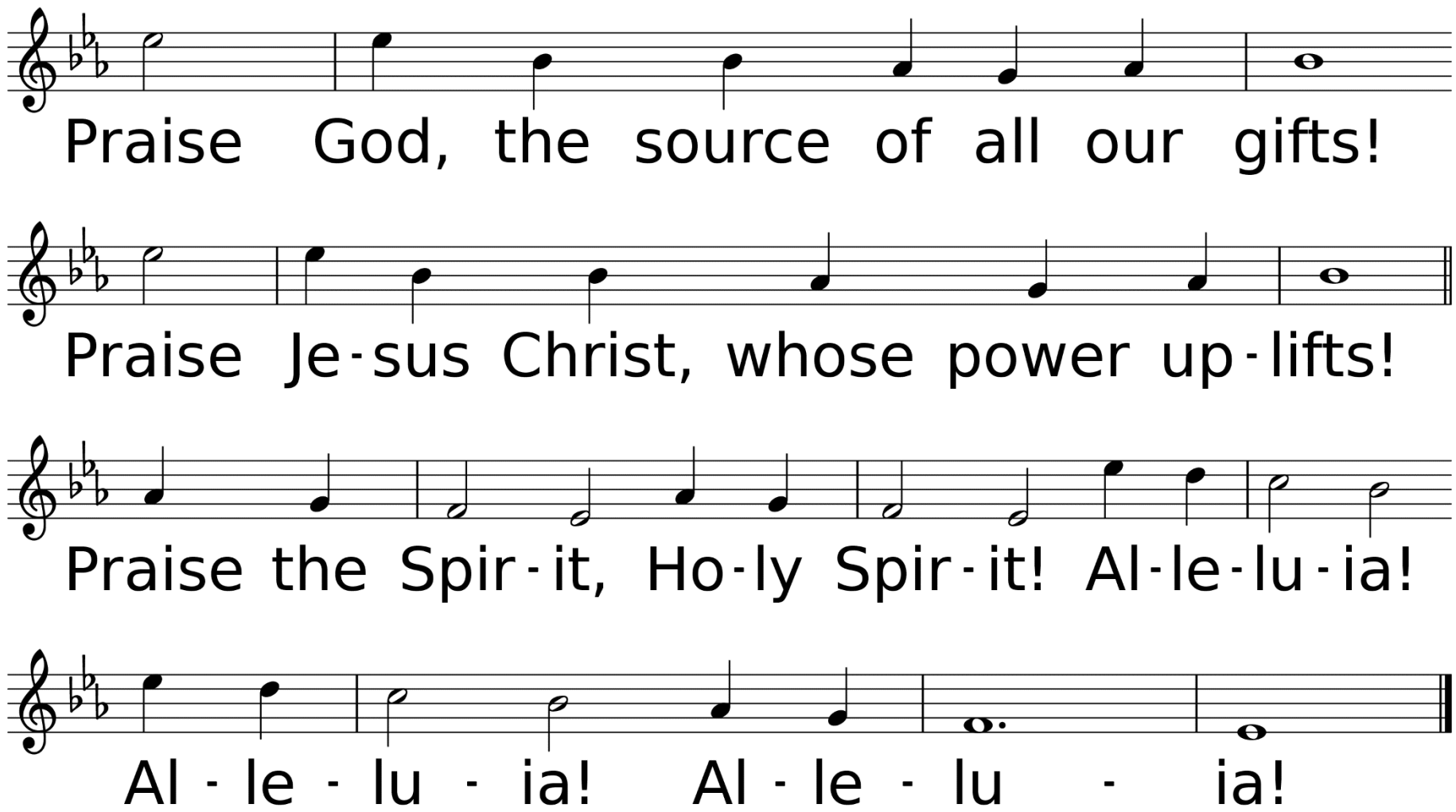
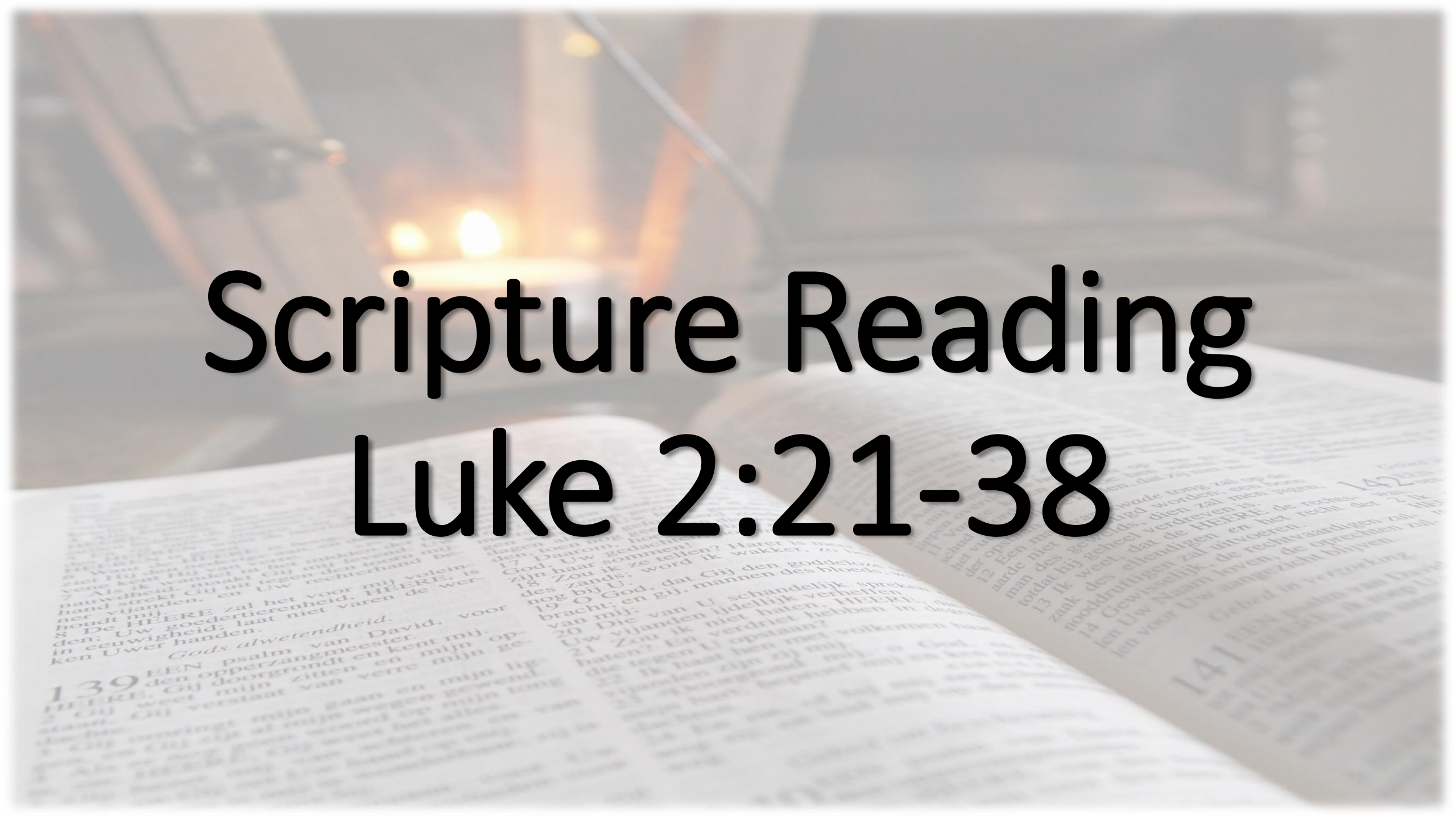

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!


CHILDREN'S CHURCH!



Scripture Reading
Luke 2:21-38

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord,

“Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

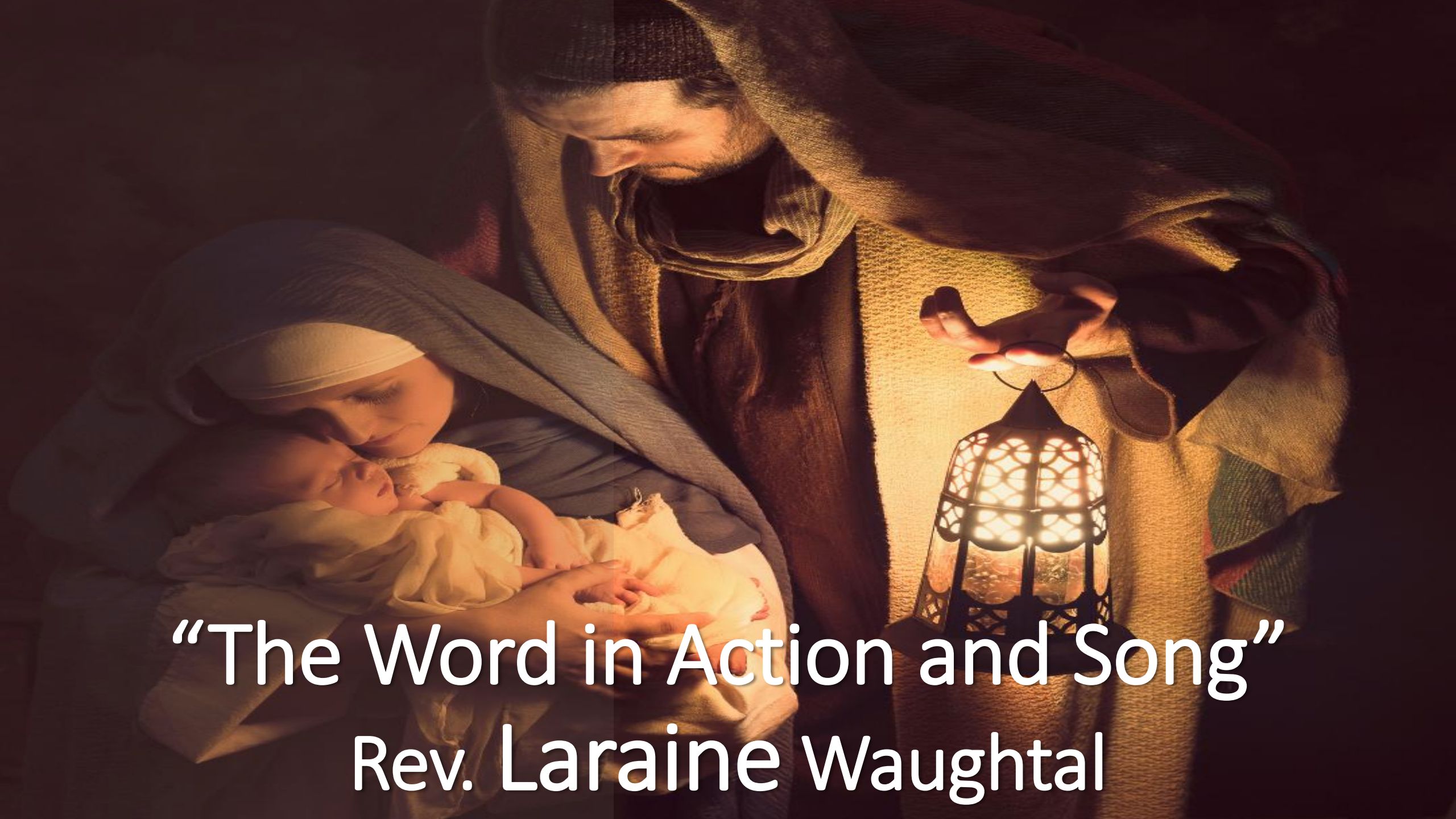
It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher.

She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.



“The Word in Action and Song”

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

The Message & Hymn of Faith

What Child is This?

UMH #219, V 1 & 2

WORDS BY WILLIAM DIX

MUSIC BY: ENGLISH MELODY



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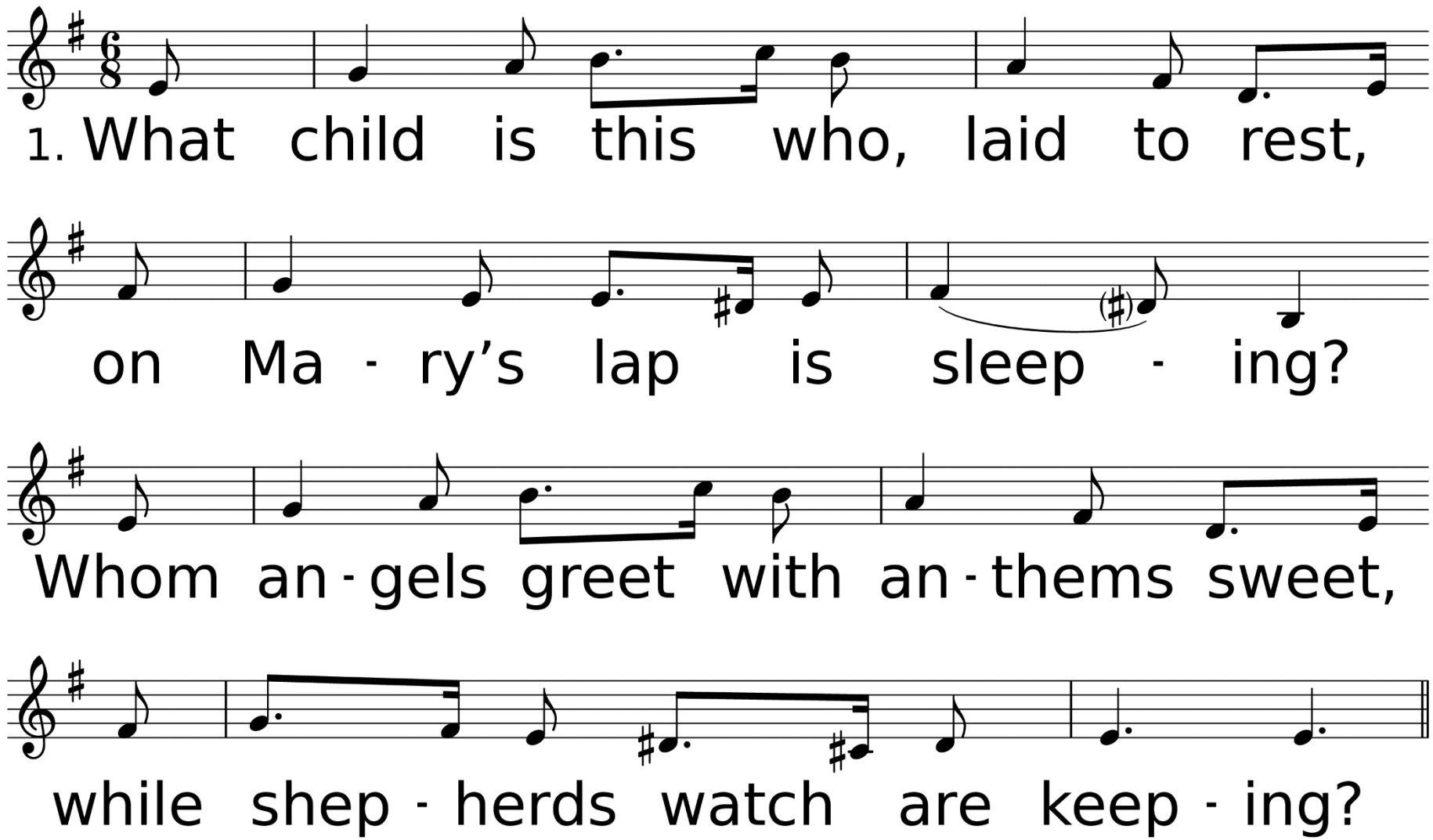
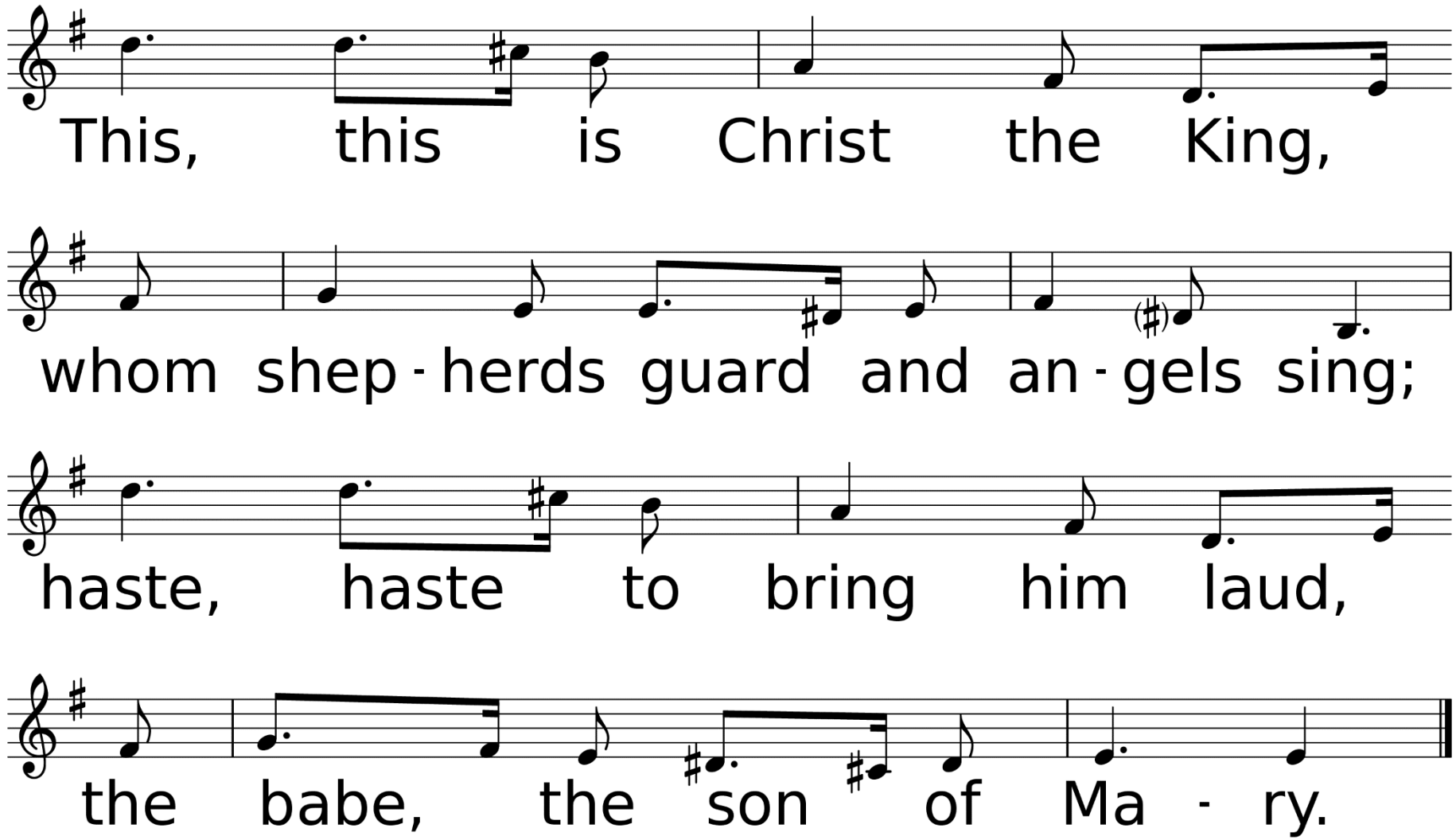
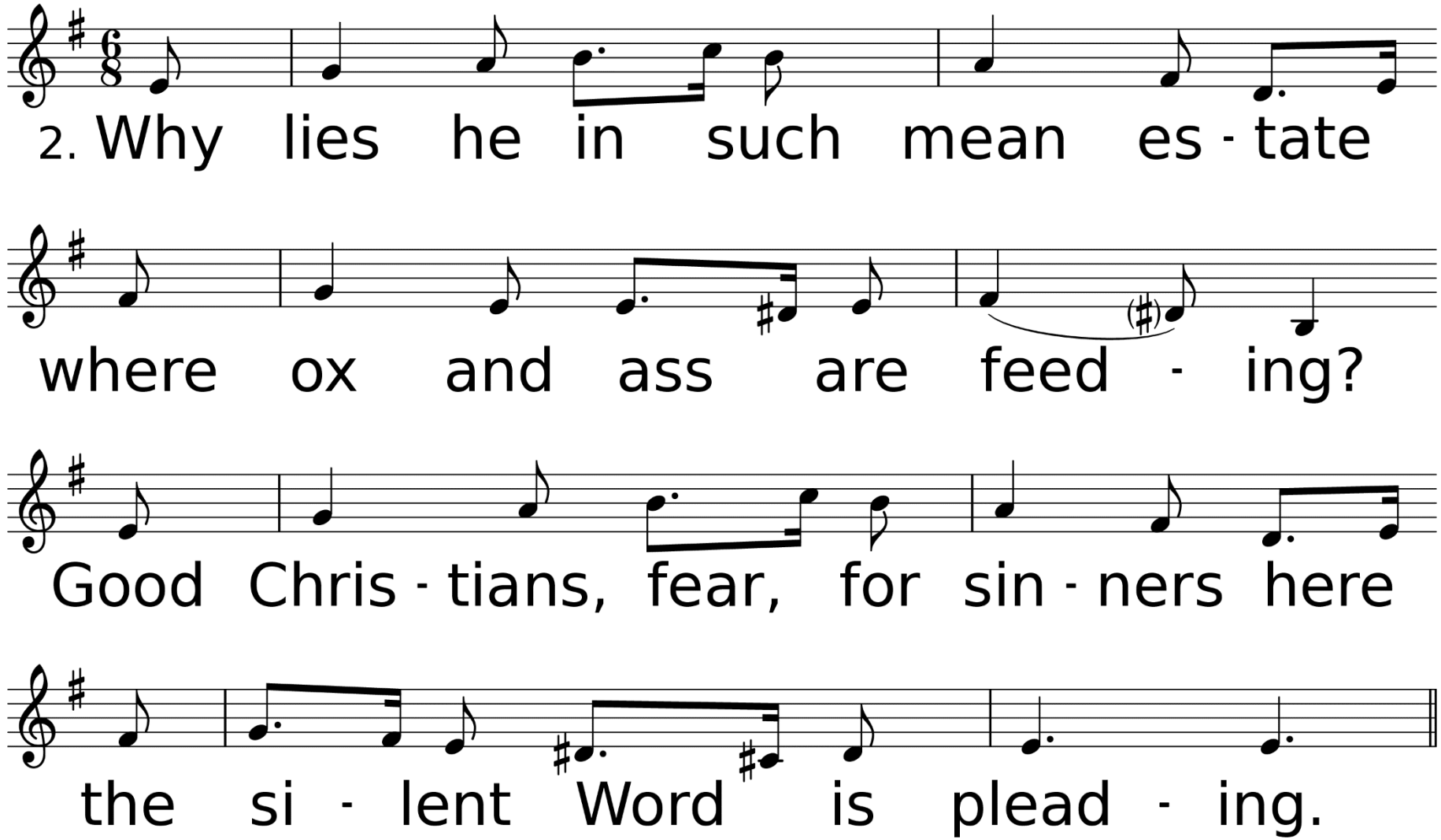
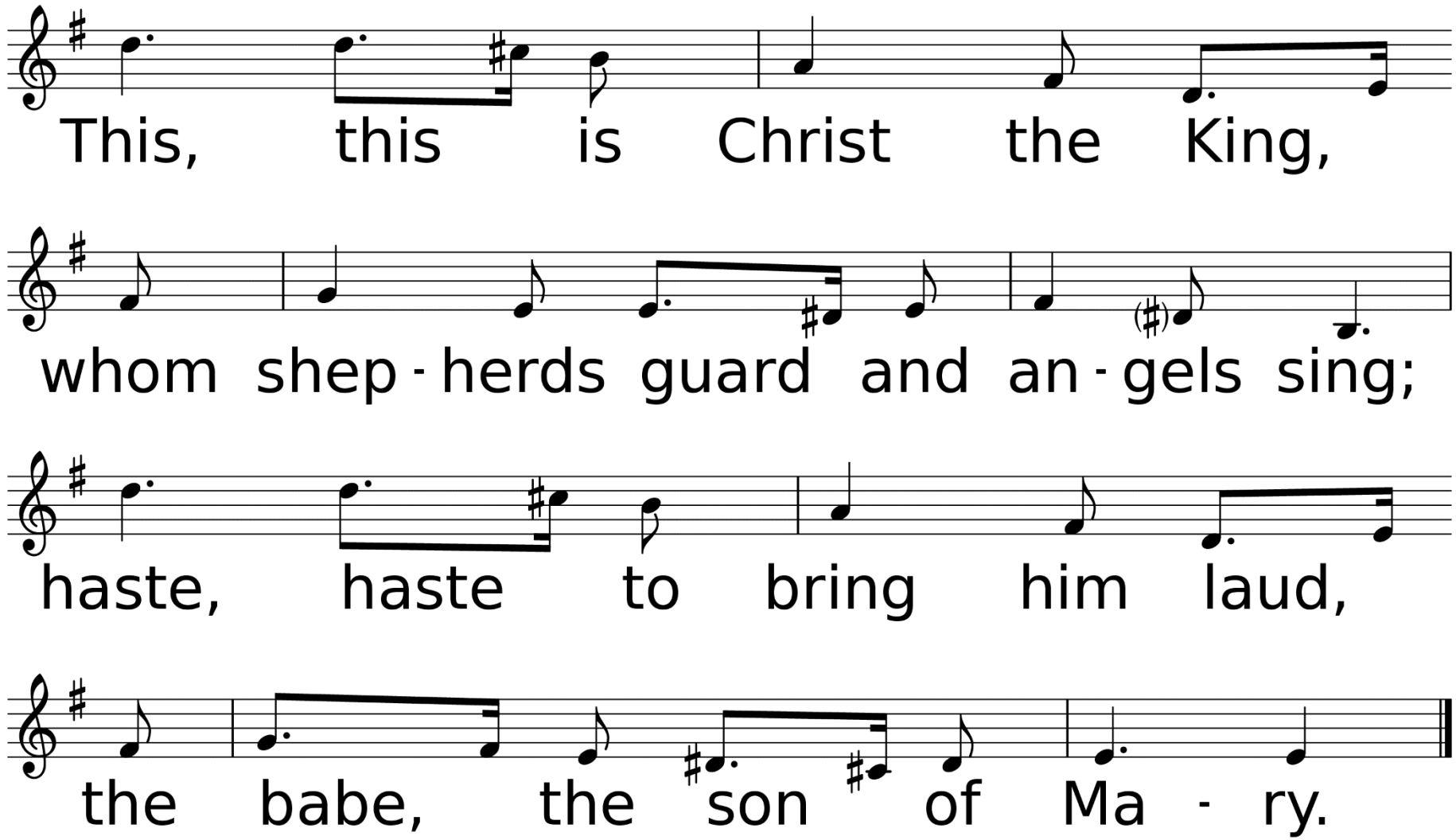


WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)
MUSIC (GREENSLEEVES 87.87 with Refrain): 16th cent. English melody


This, this is Christ the King,
whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Ma-ry.


2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate
where ox and ass are feed - ing?
Good Chris - tians, fear, for sin - ners here
the si - lent Word is plead - ing.


This, this is Christ the King,
whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

Once in Royal David's City

UMH #250, V 1 & 2

WORDS BY CECIL ALEXANDER

MUSIC BY: HENRY GAUNTLETT

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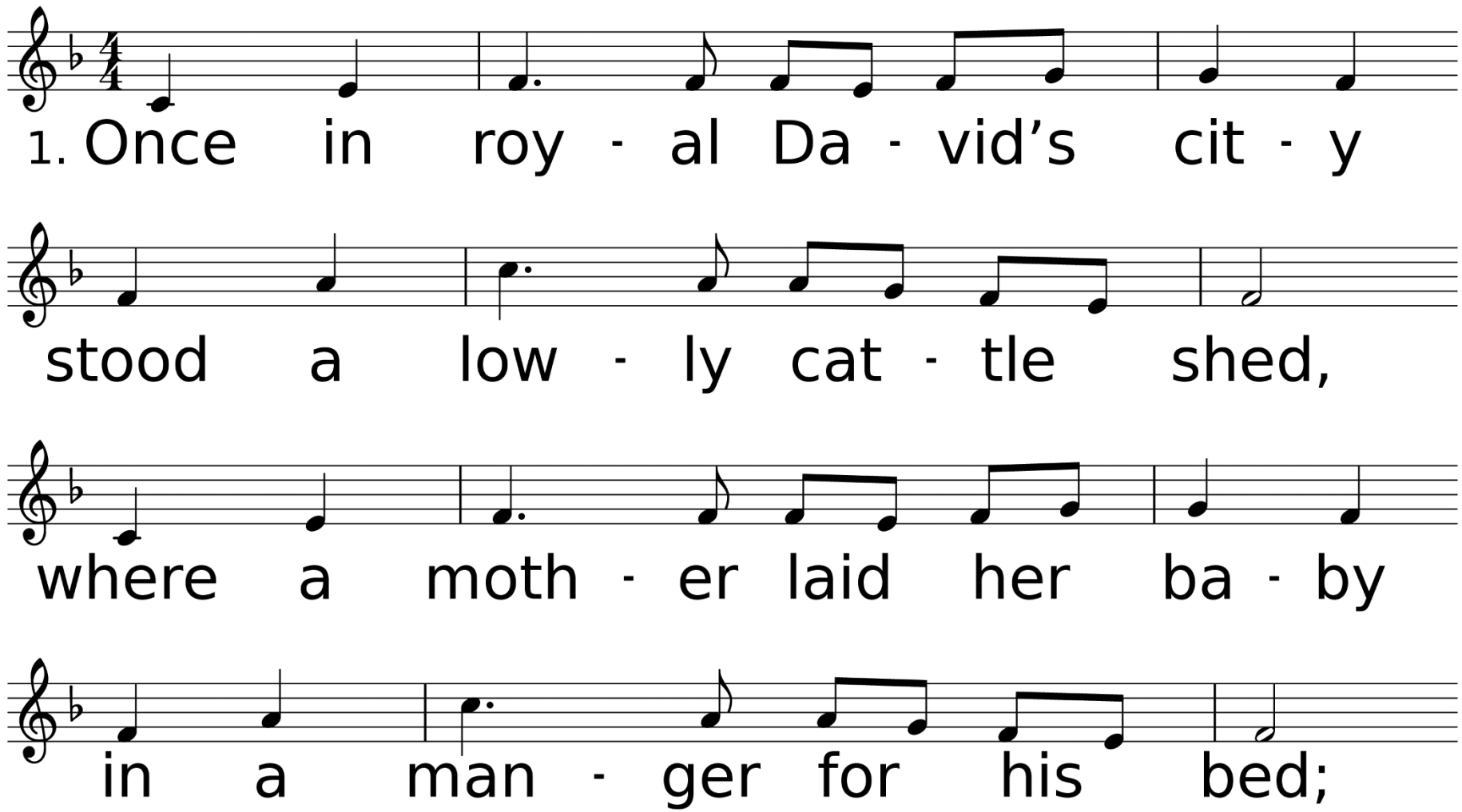
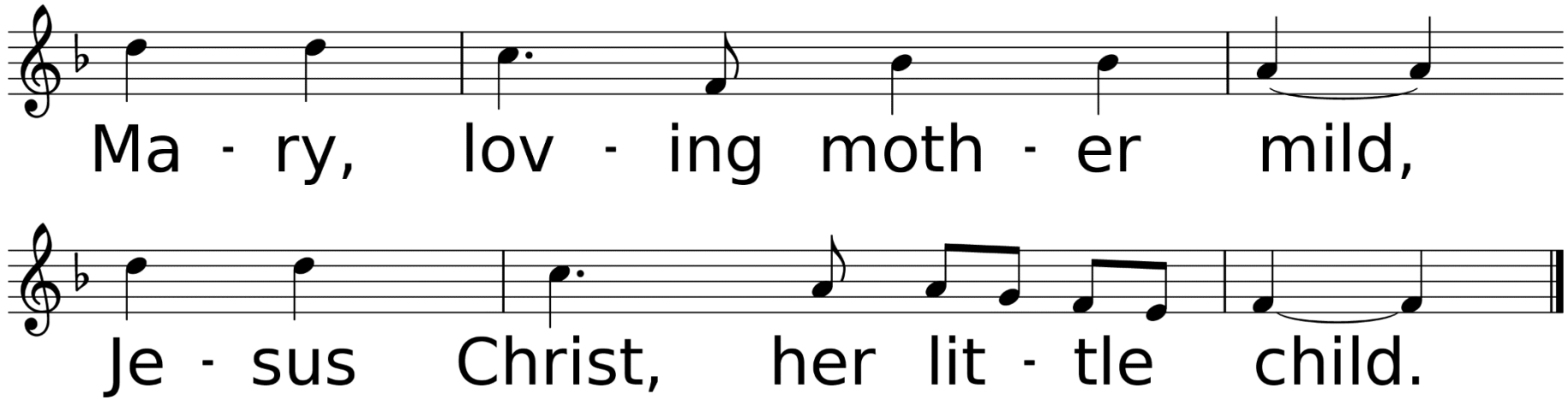
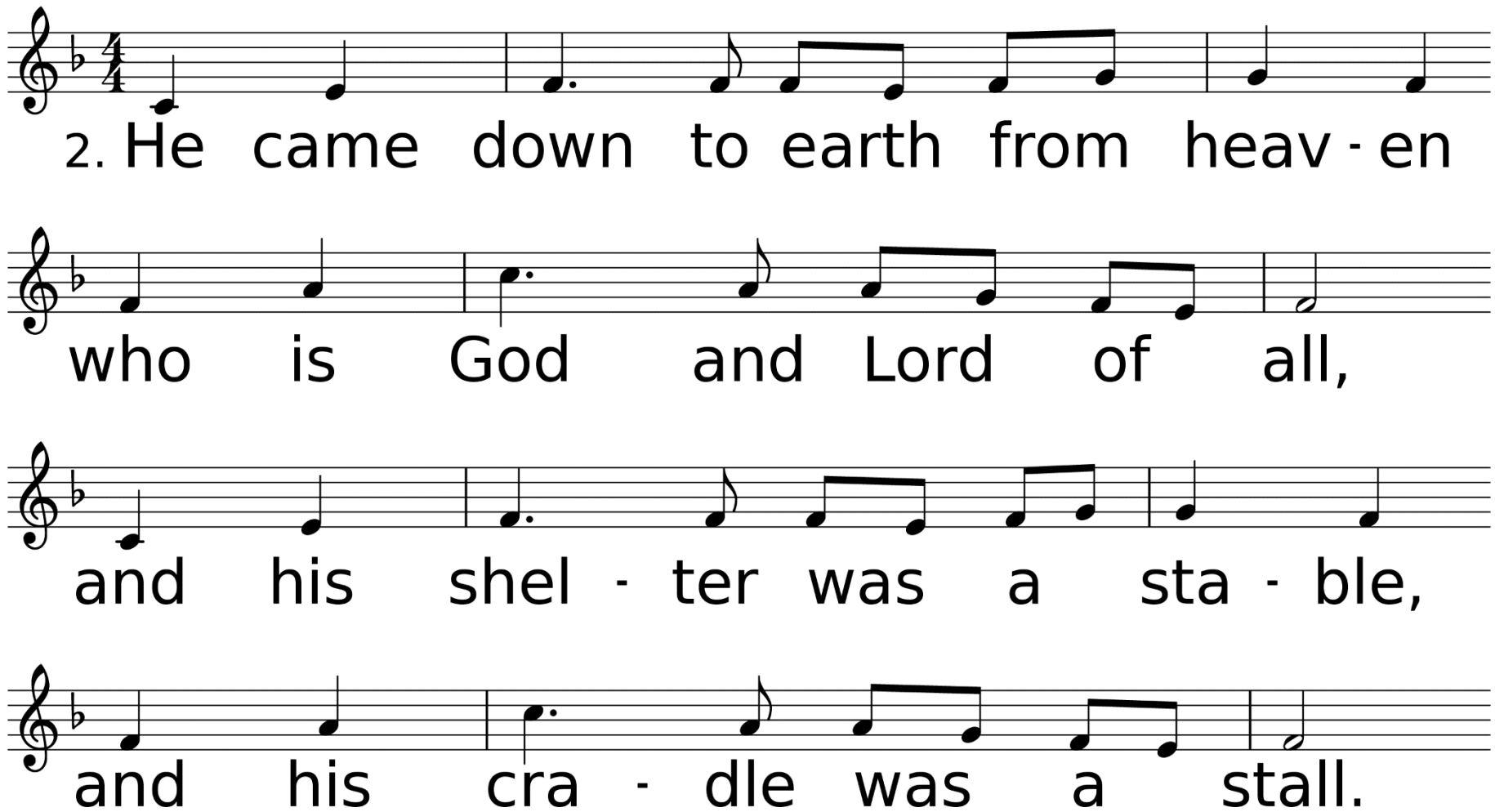
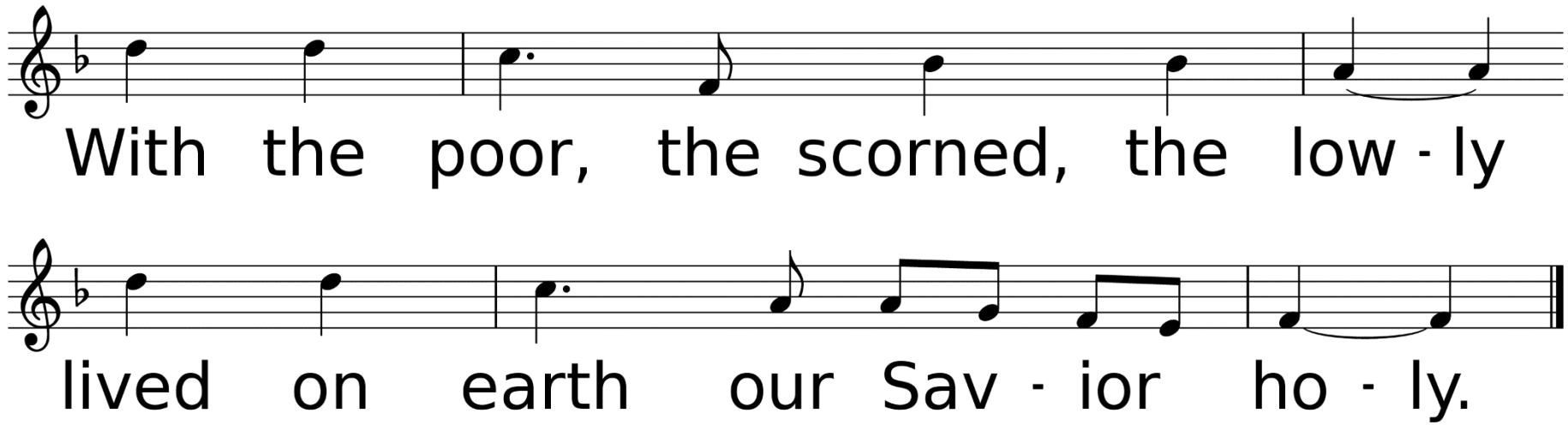


WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 (Lk. 2:7)
MUSIC (IRBY 87.87.77): Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849


Ma - ry, lov - ing moth - er mild,
Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.


2. He came down to earth from heav - en
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
and his cra - dle was a stall.


With the poor, the scorned, the low - ly
lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.

Silent Night

UMH #239, V 1, 2 & 4

WORDS BY JOSEPH MOHR

MUSIC BY: FRANZ GRUBER

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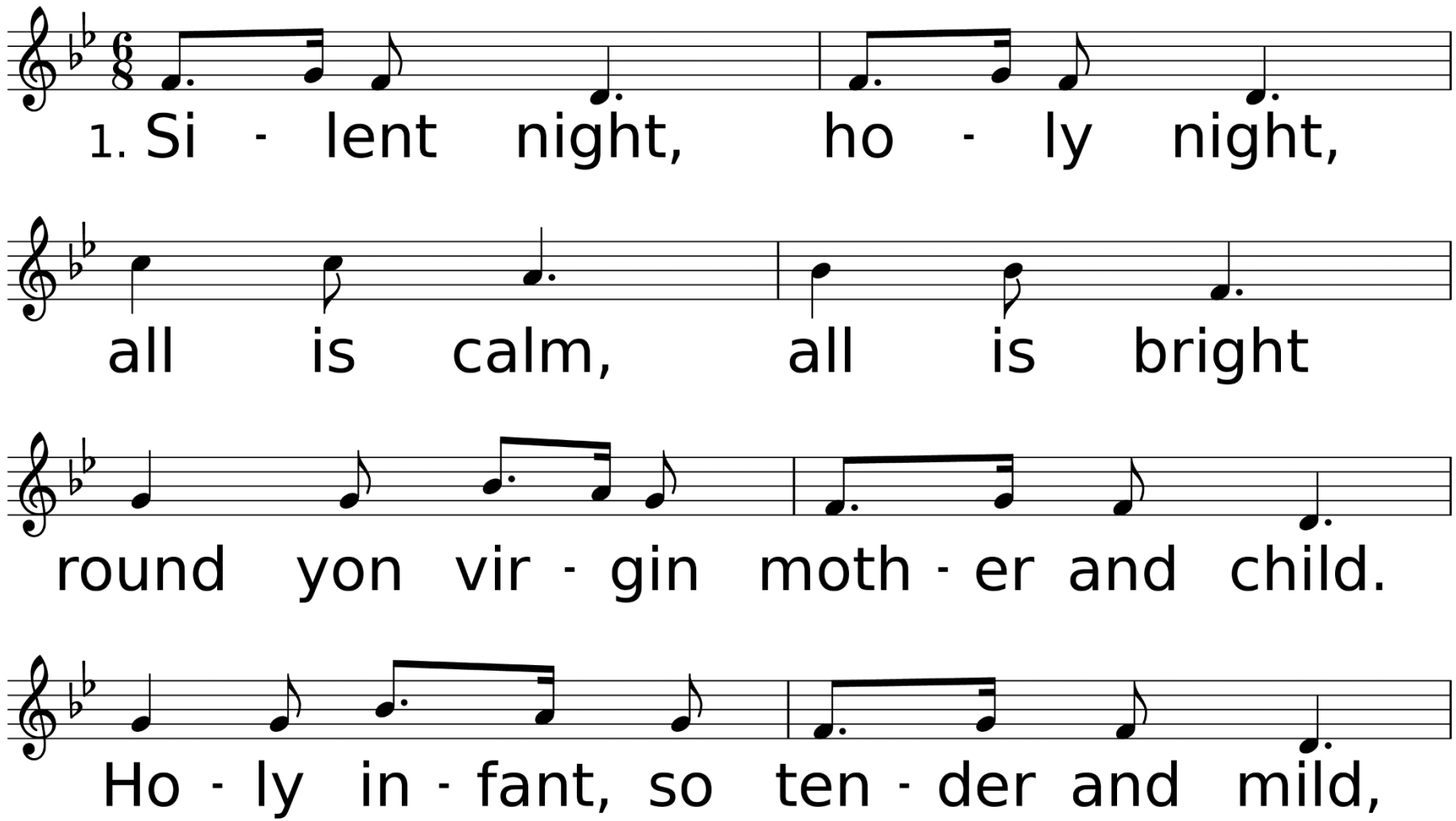
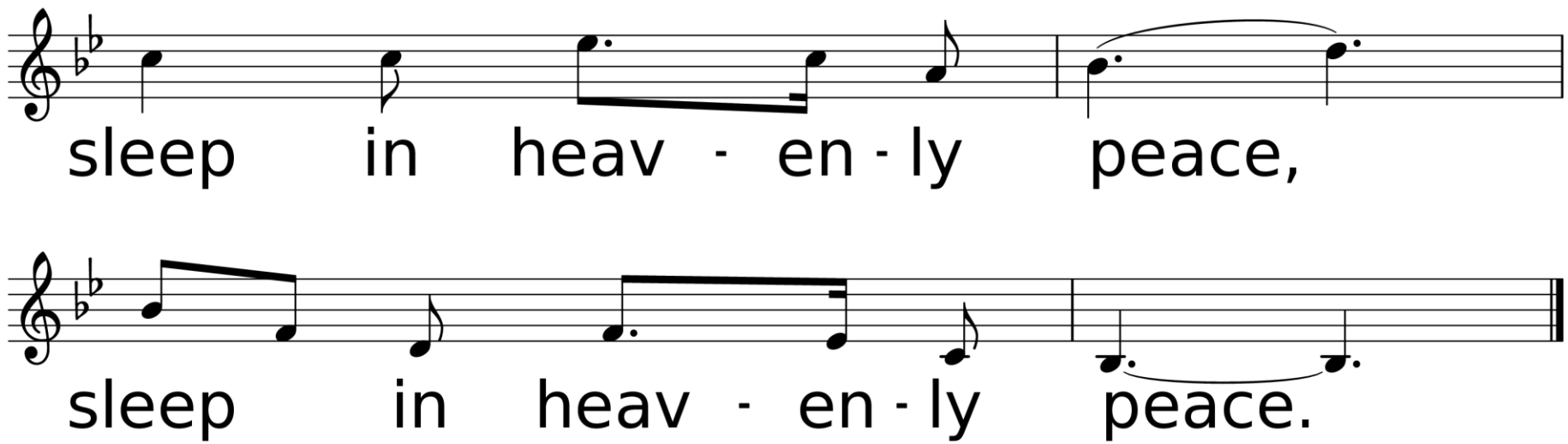
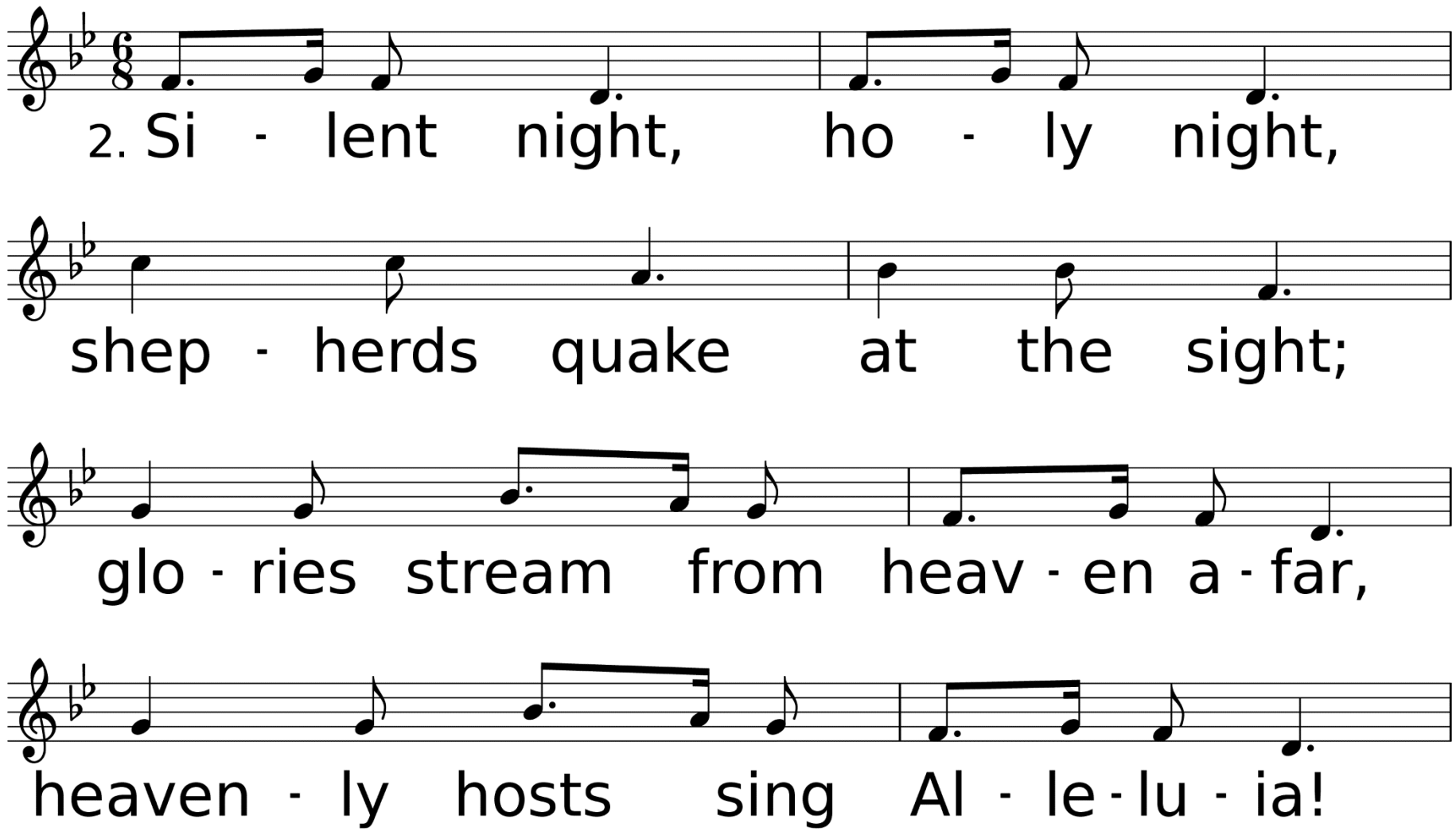
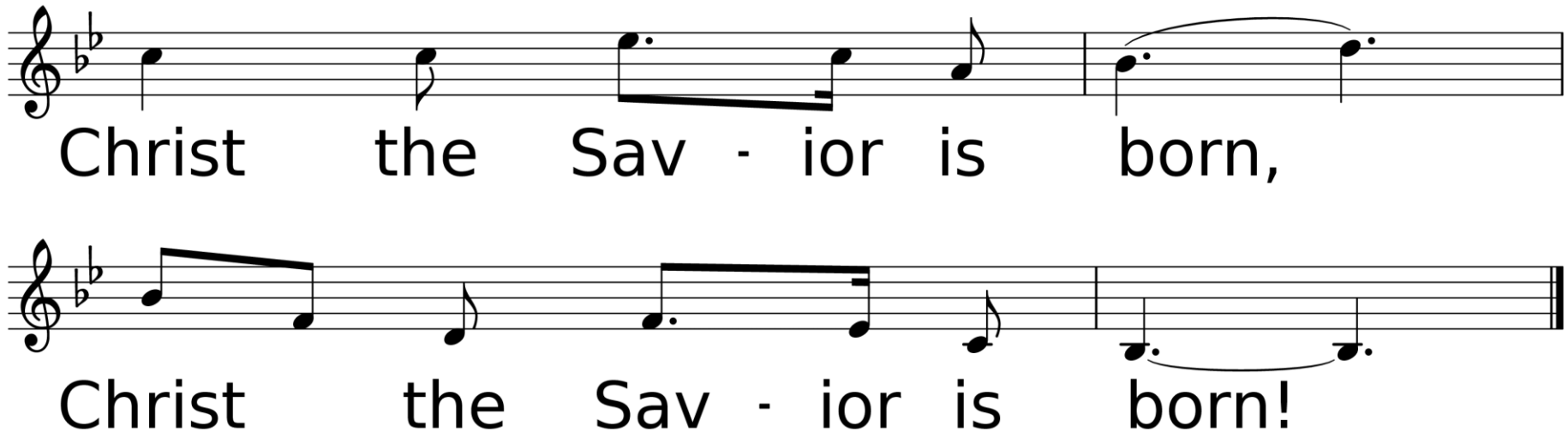
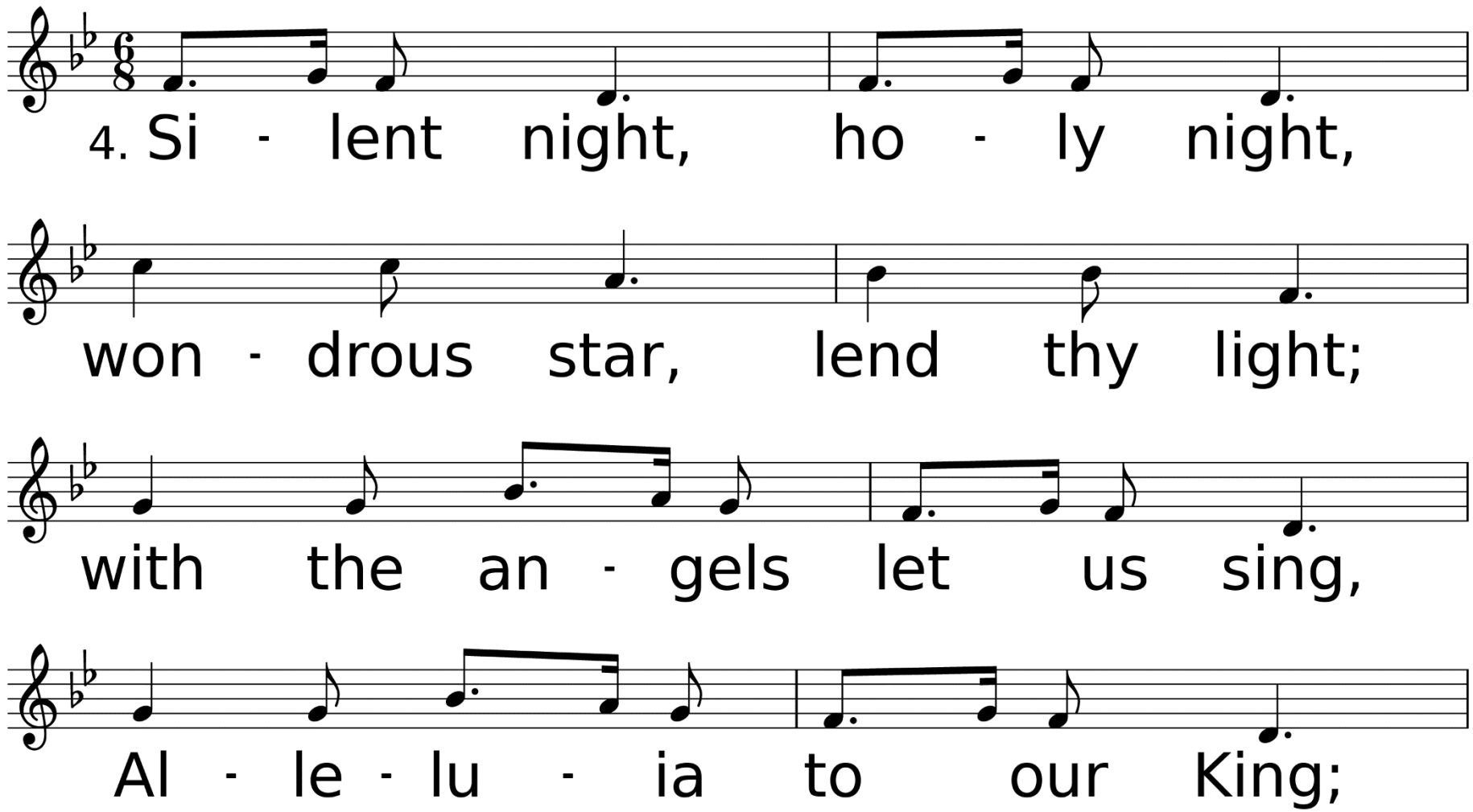


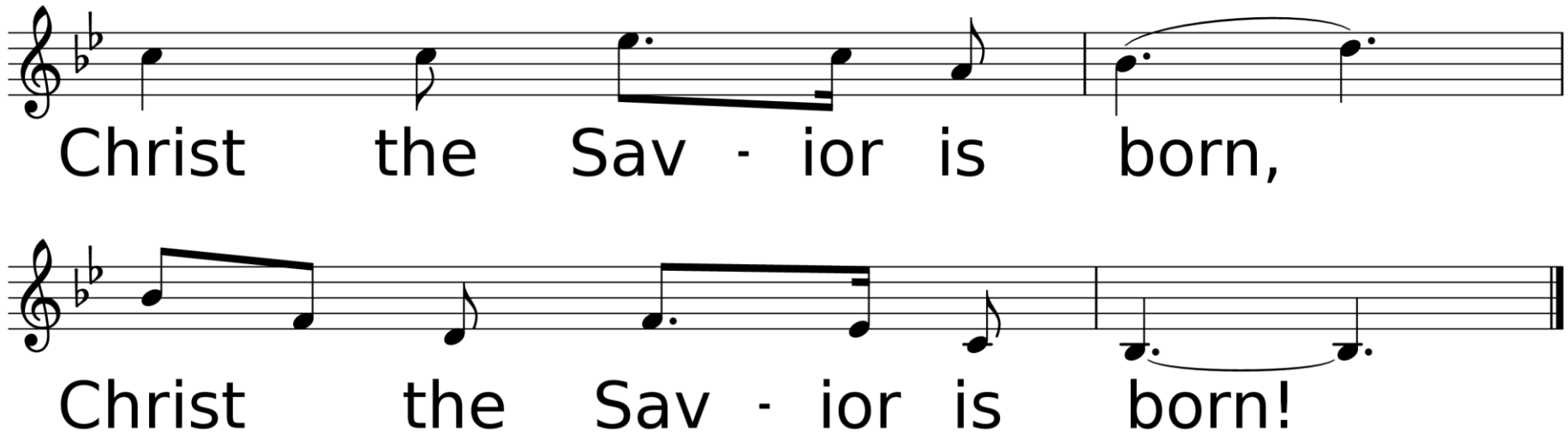
WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young; st. 4 trans. anon. (Lk. 2:6-20)
MUSIC (STILLE NACHT, Irr.): Franz Gruber, 1818


sleep in heav - en - ly peace,
sleep in heav - en - ly peace.


2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
shep - herds quake at the sight;
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
heaven - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!


Christ the Sav · ior is born,
Christ the Sav · ior is born!


4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
won - drous star, lend thy light;
with the an - gels let us sing,
Al - le - lu - ia to our King;


Christ the Sav · ior is born,
Christ the Sav · ior is born!



Joy to the World

UMH #246, V 1 - 4

WORDS BY ISAAC WATTS

MUSIC ARRANGED BY: G.F. HANDEL

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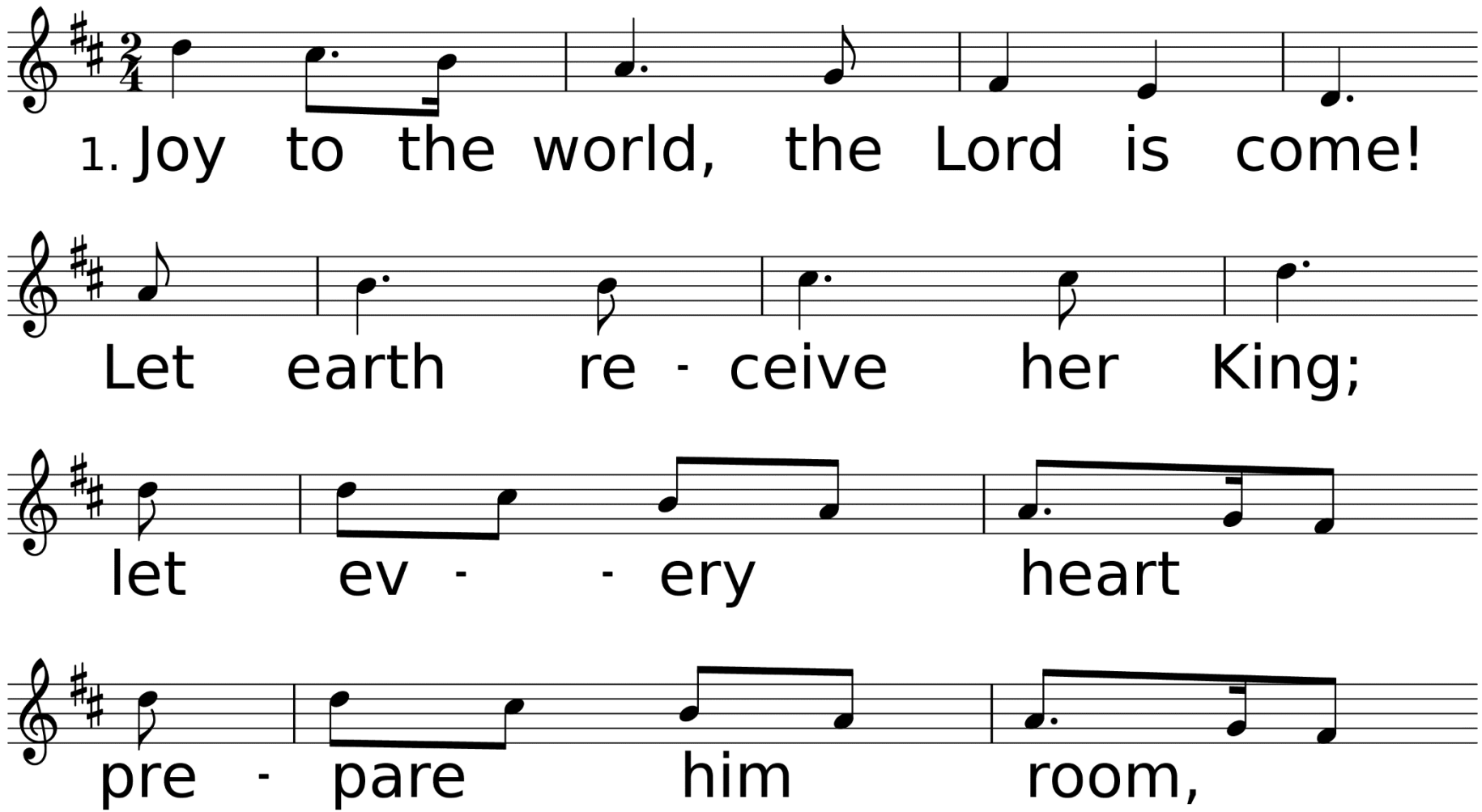
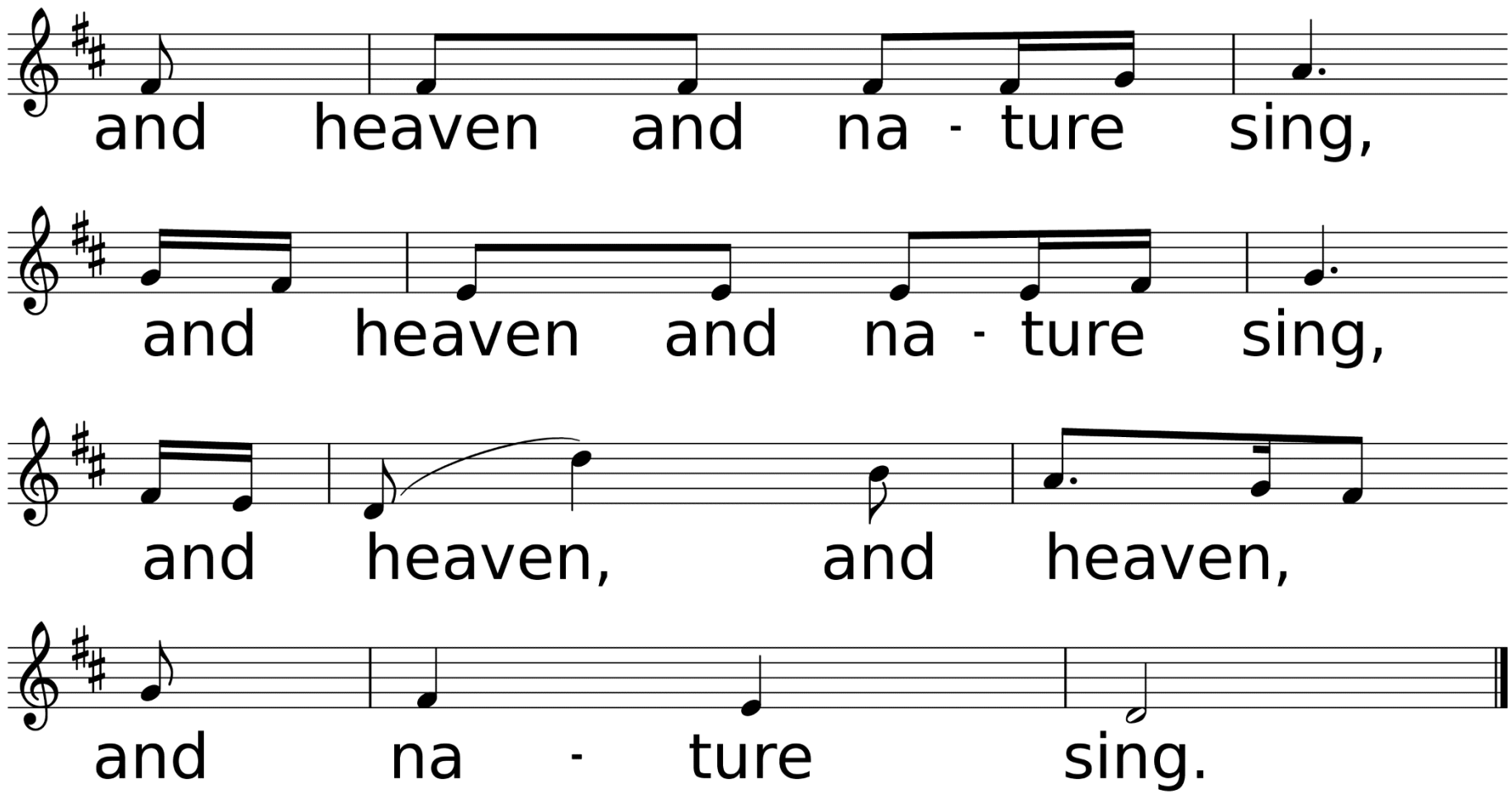
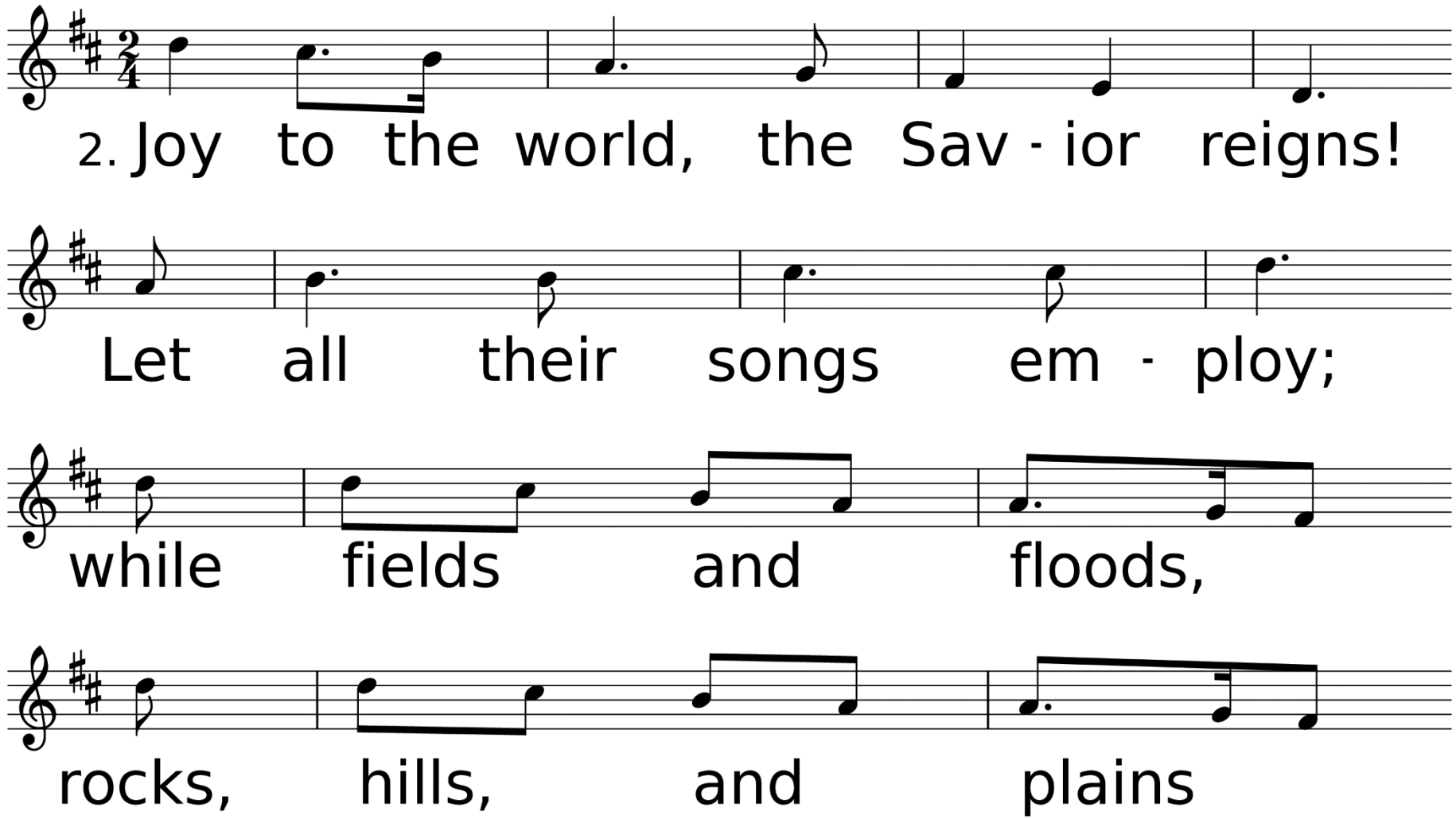
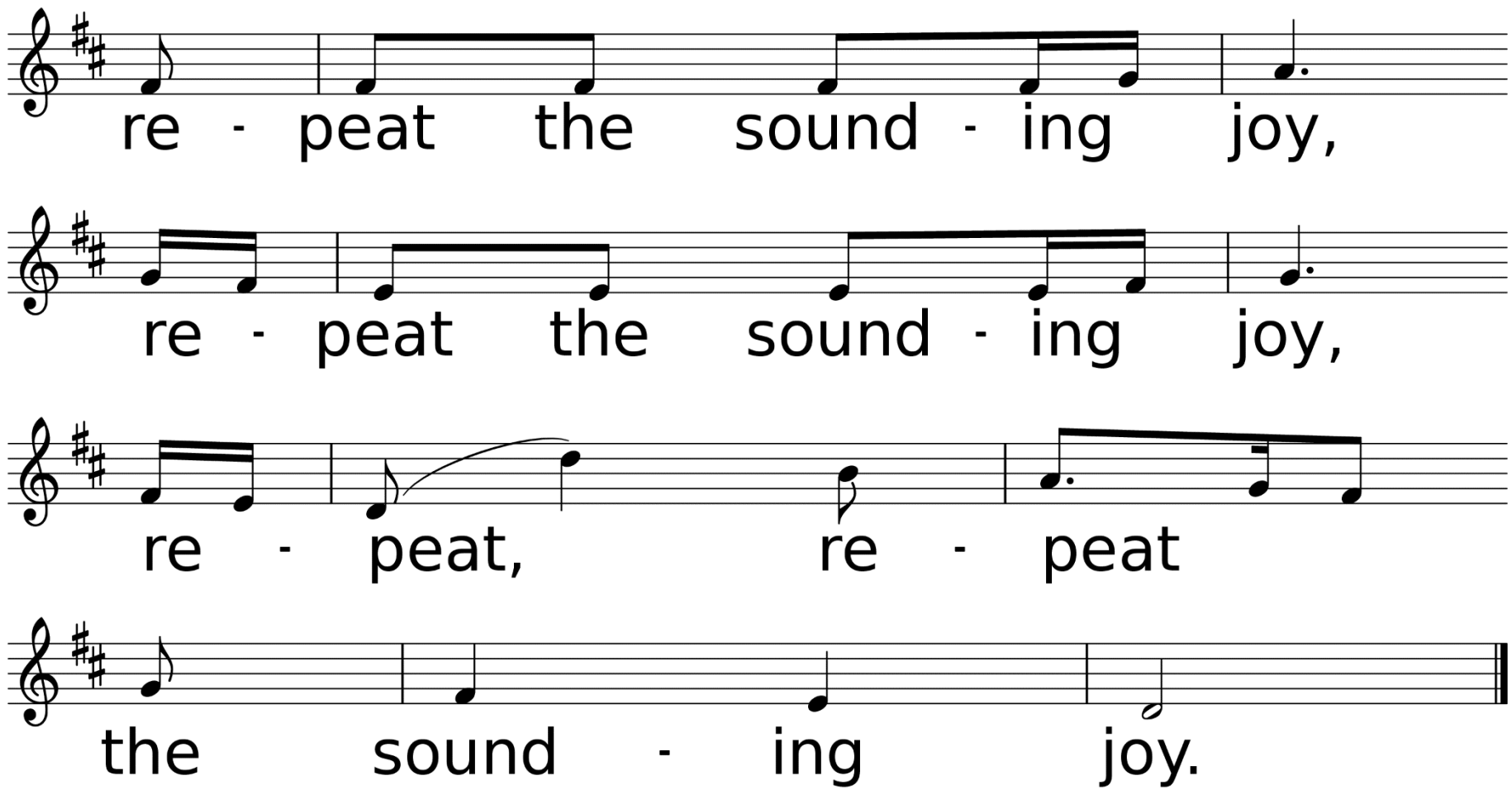
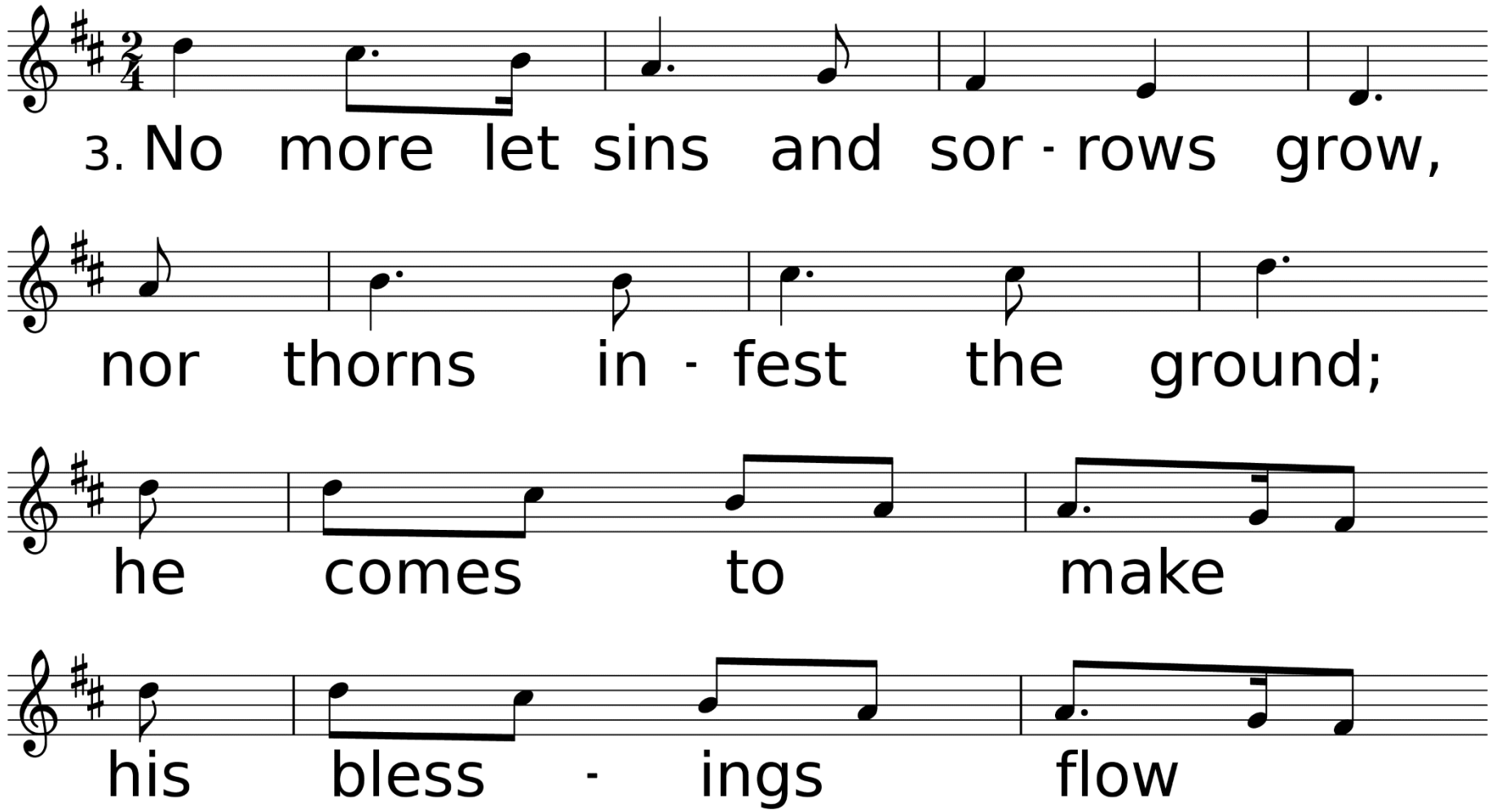


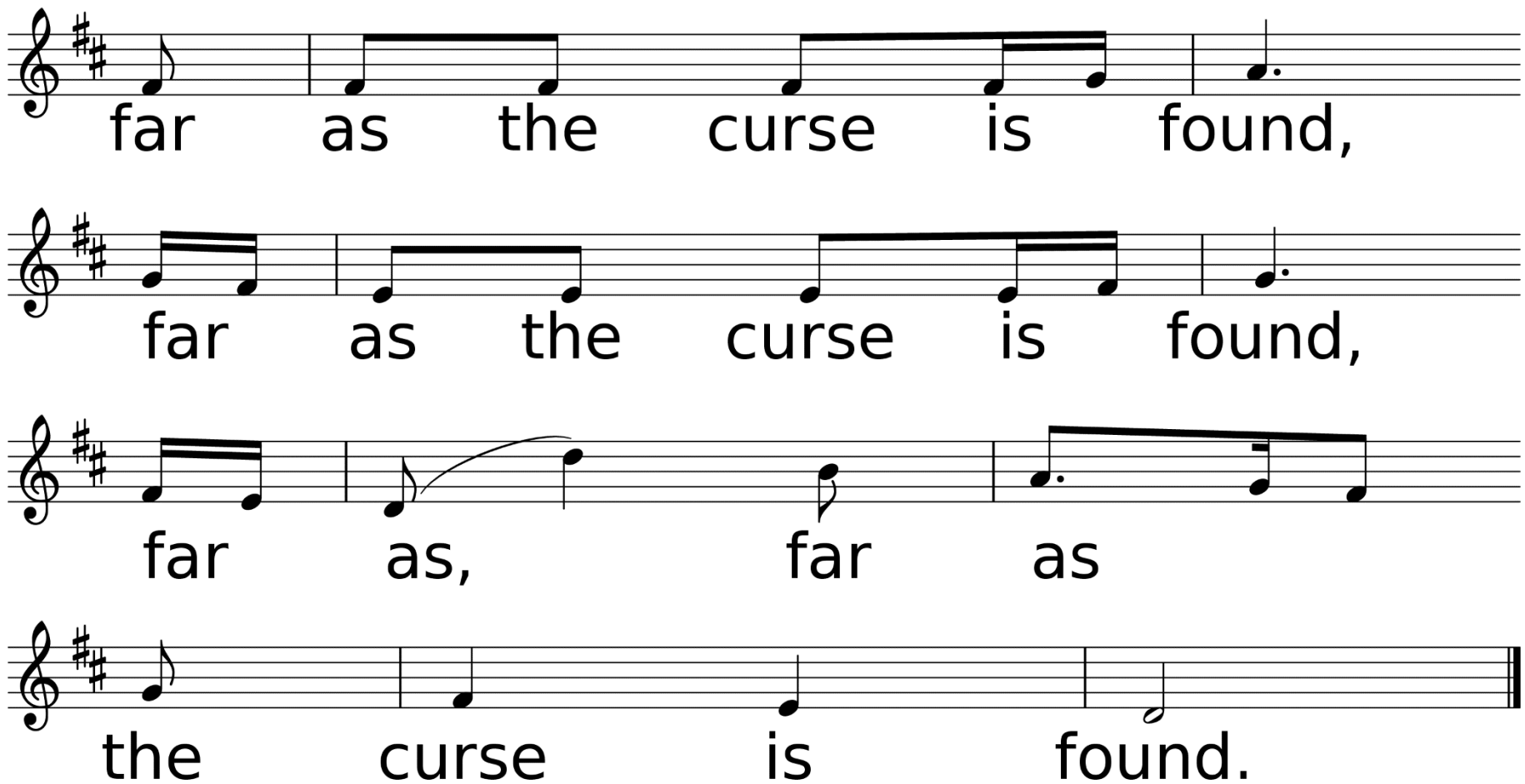
WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 98:4-9)
MUSIC (ANTIOCH, CM with Repeat): Arr. from G. F. Handel, 1741, by Lowell Mason, 1848

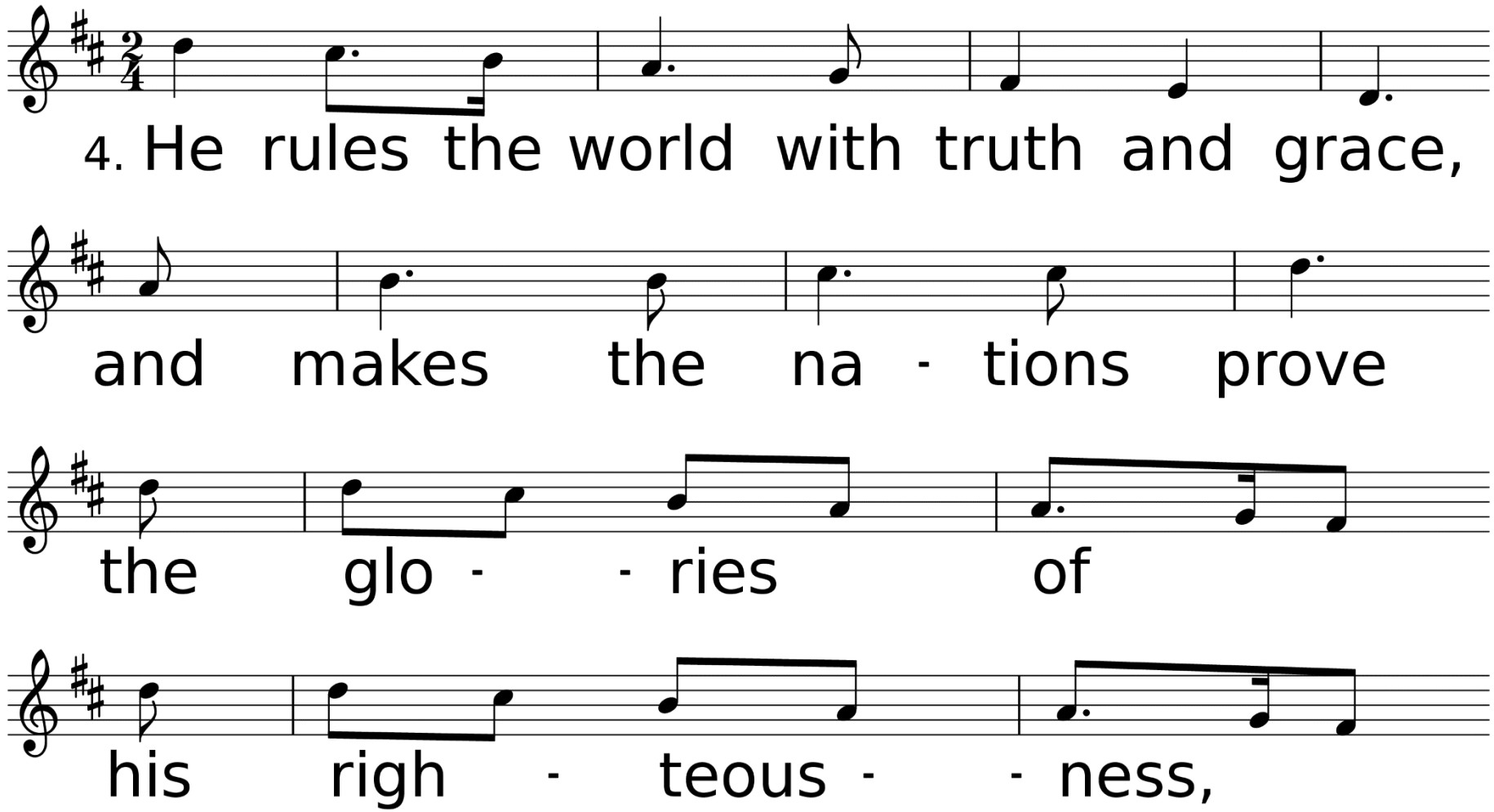

and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven, and heaven,
and na - ture sing.

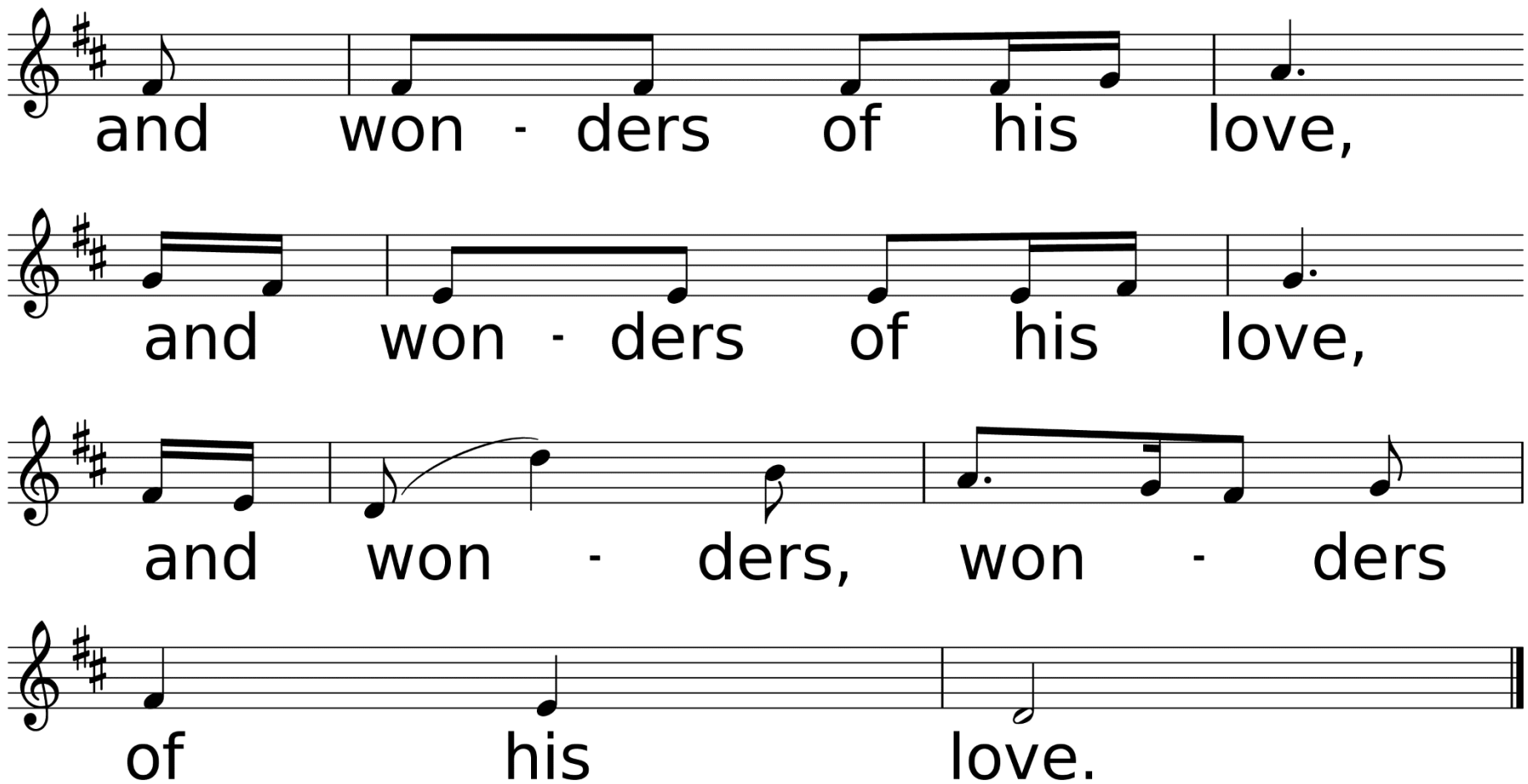

2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
Let all their songs em - ploy;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains


re - peat the sound - ing joy,
re - peat the sound - ing joy,
re - peat, re - peat
the sound - ing joy.


3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
nor thorns in - fest the ground;
he comes to make
his bless - ings flow


far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as
the curse is found.


4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the na - tions prove
the glo - - ries of
his righ - teous - - ness,


and won · ders of his love,
and won · ders of his love,
and won · ders, won · ders
of his love.

*Hymn of Invitation

Go Tell It On The Mountain

UMH #251, V 1 & 3

Words & Music by Afro-American Spiritual

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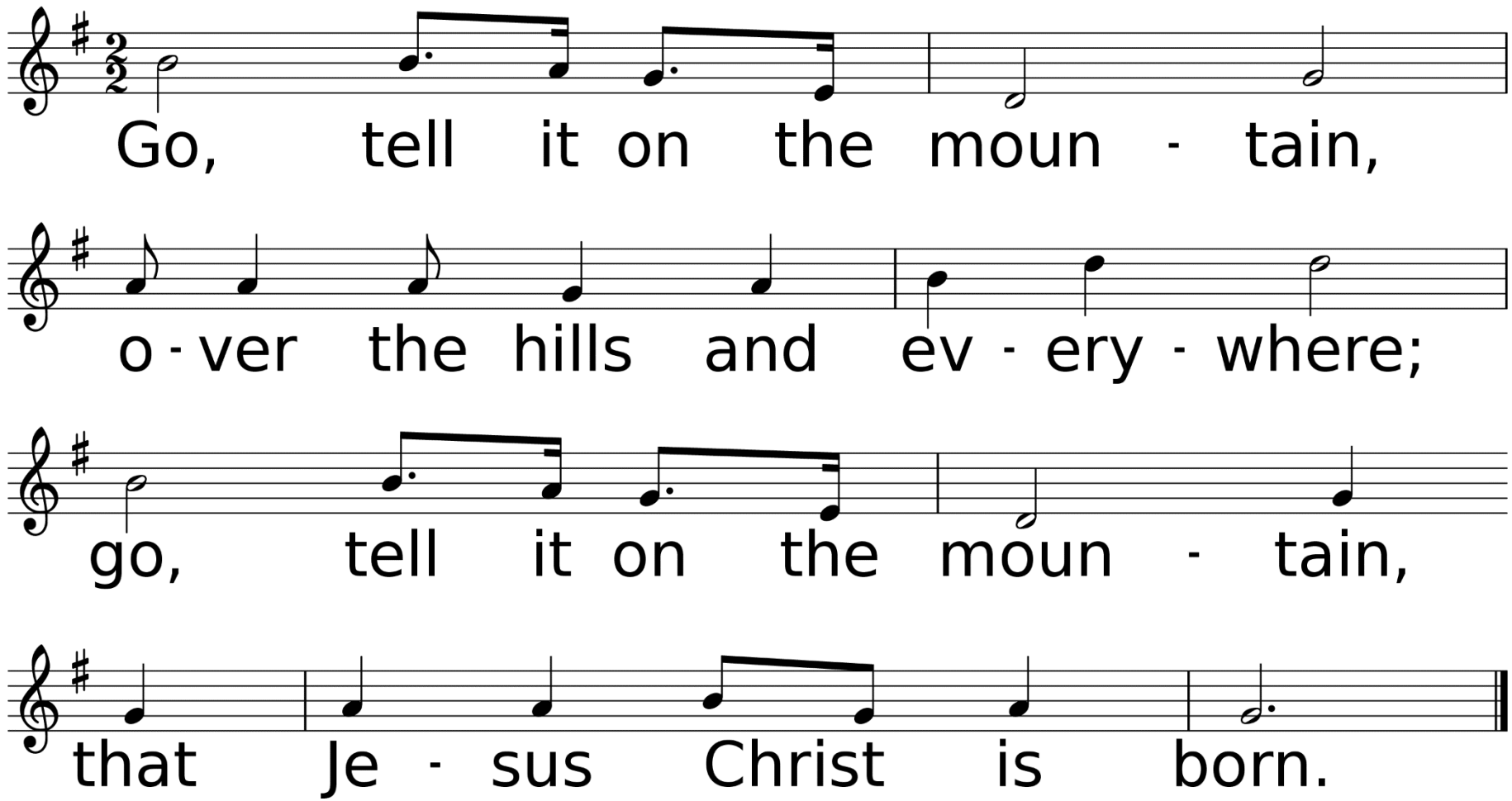
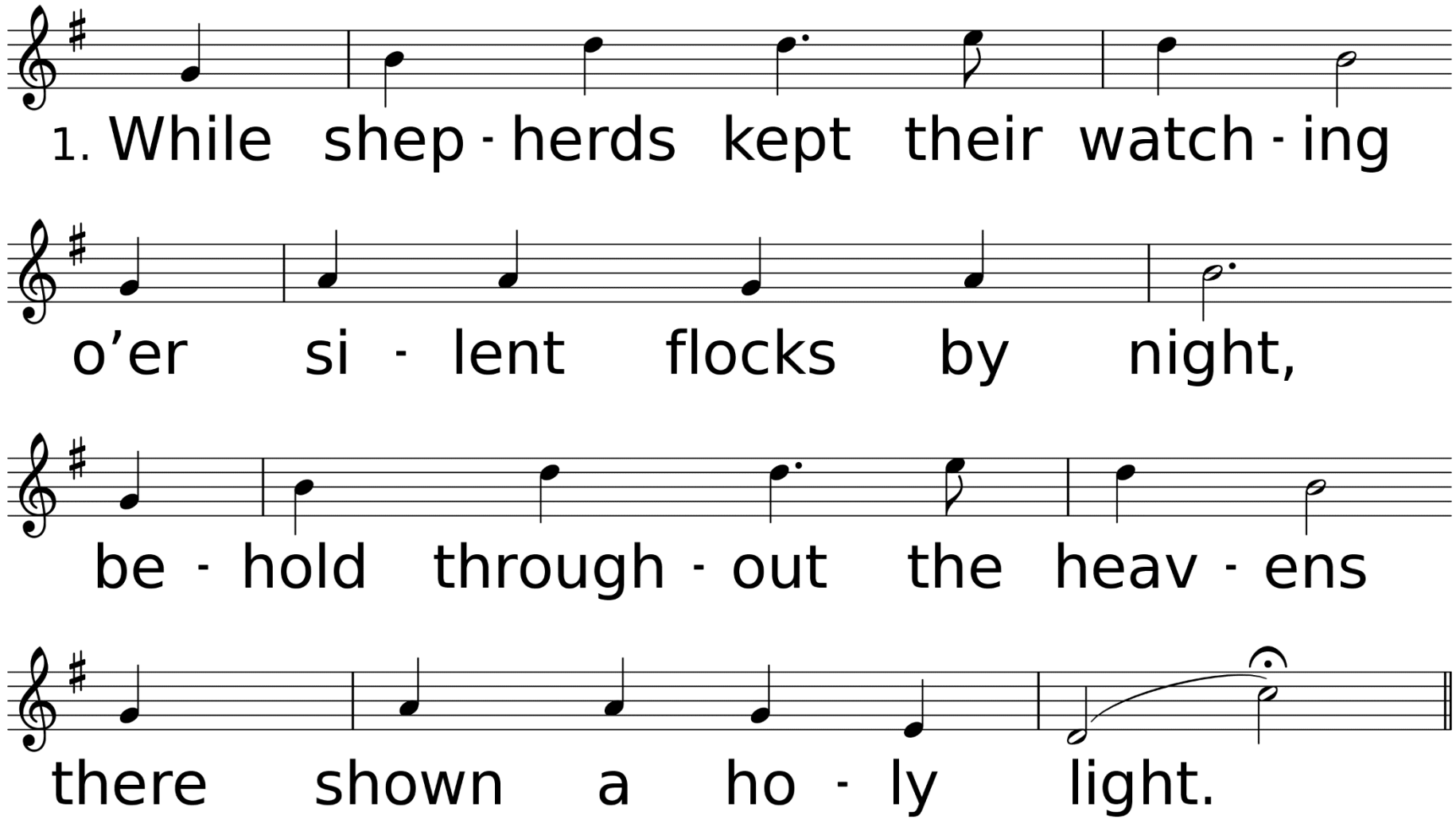
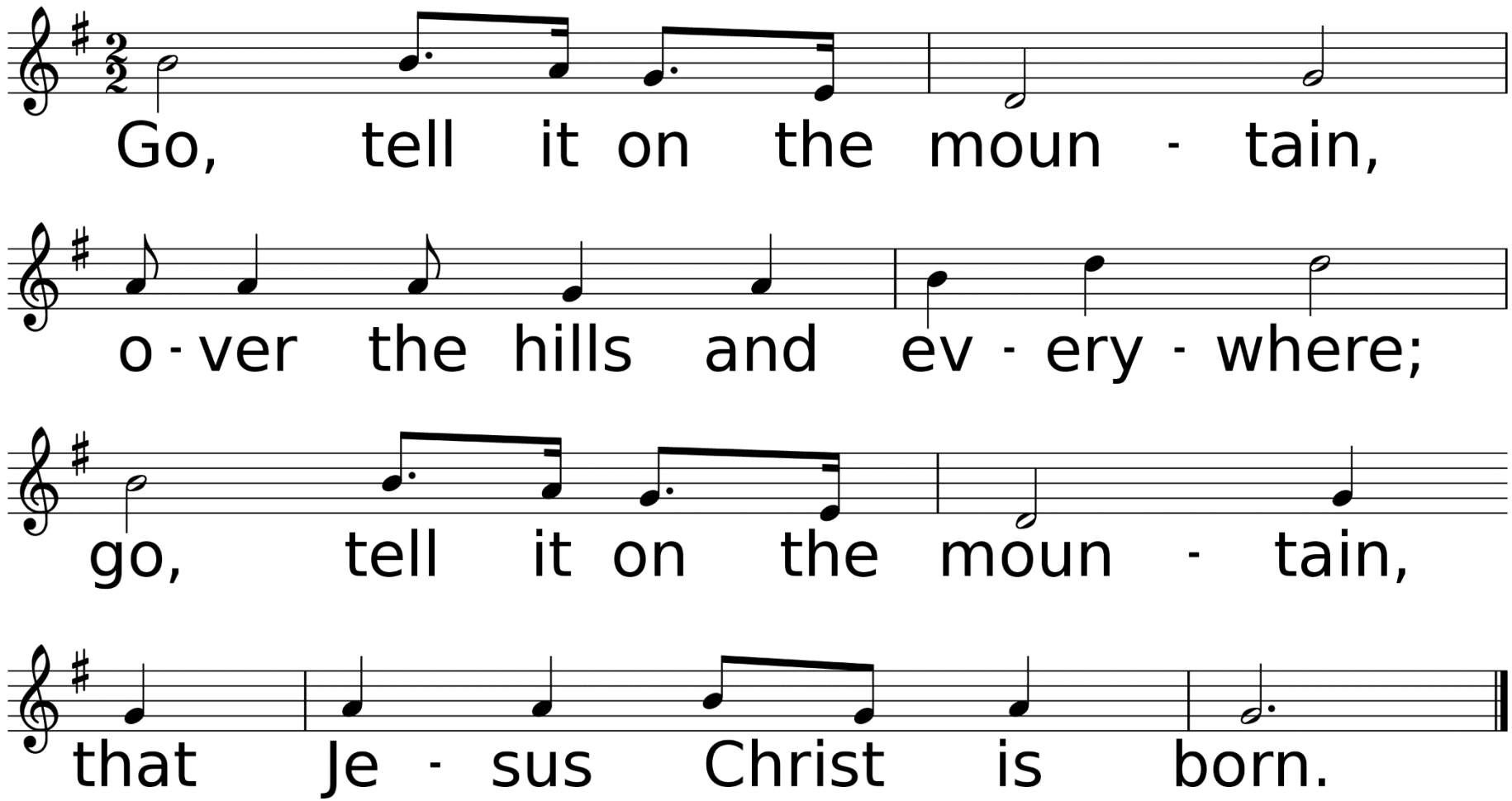
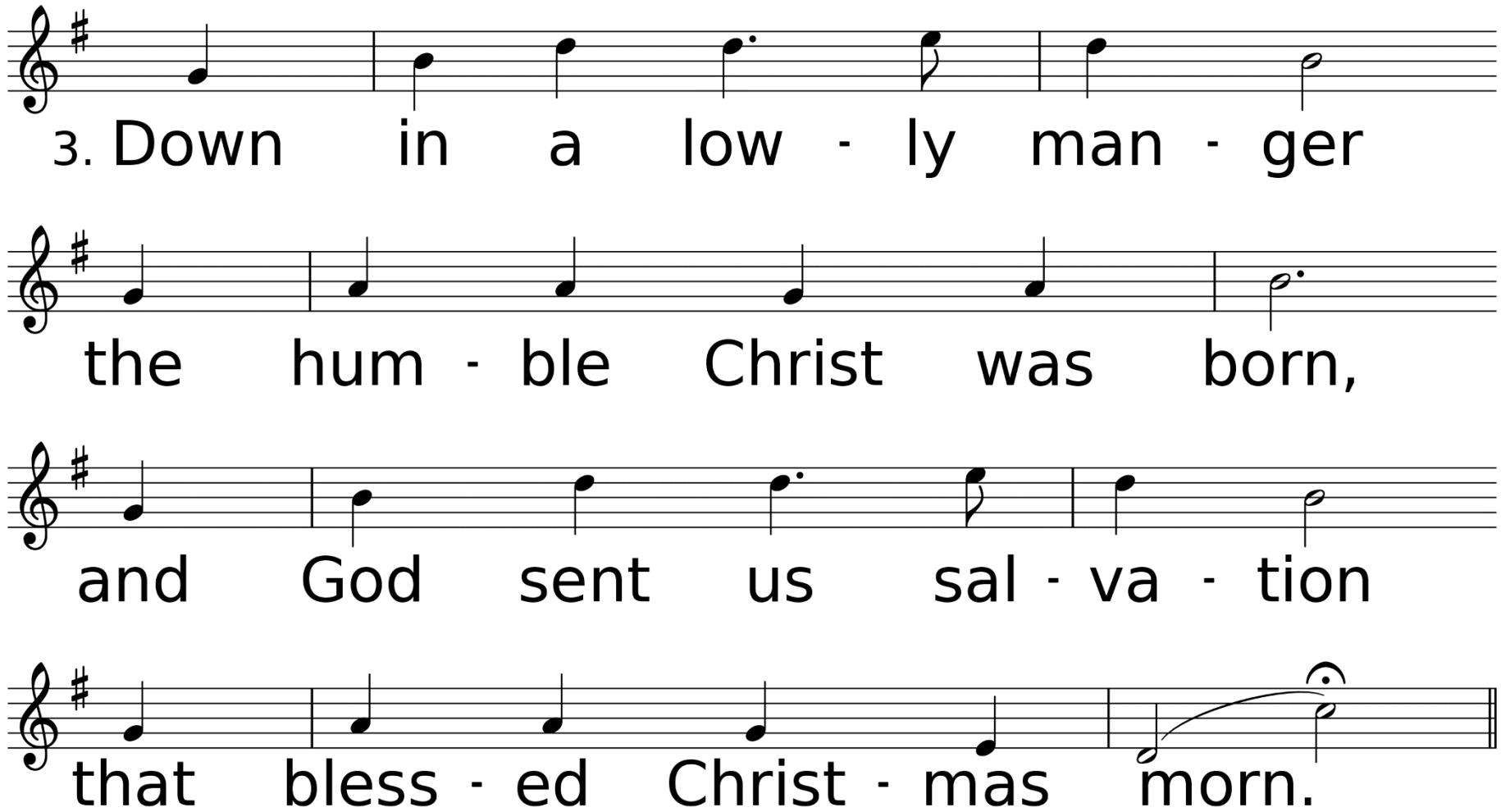
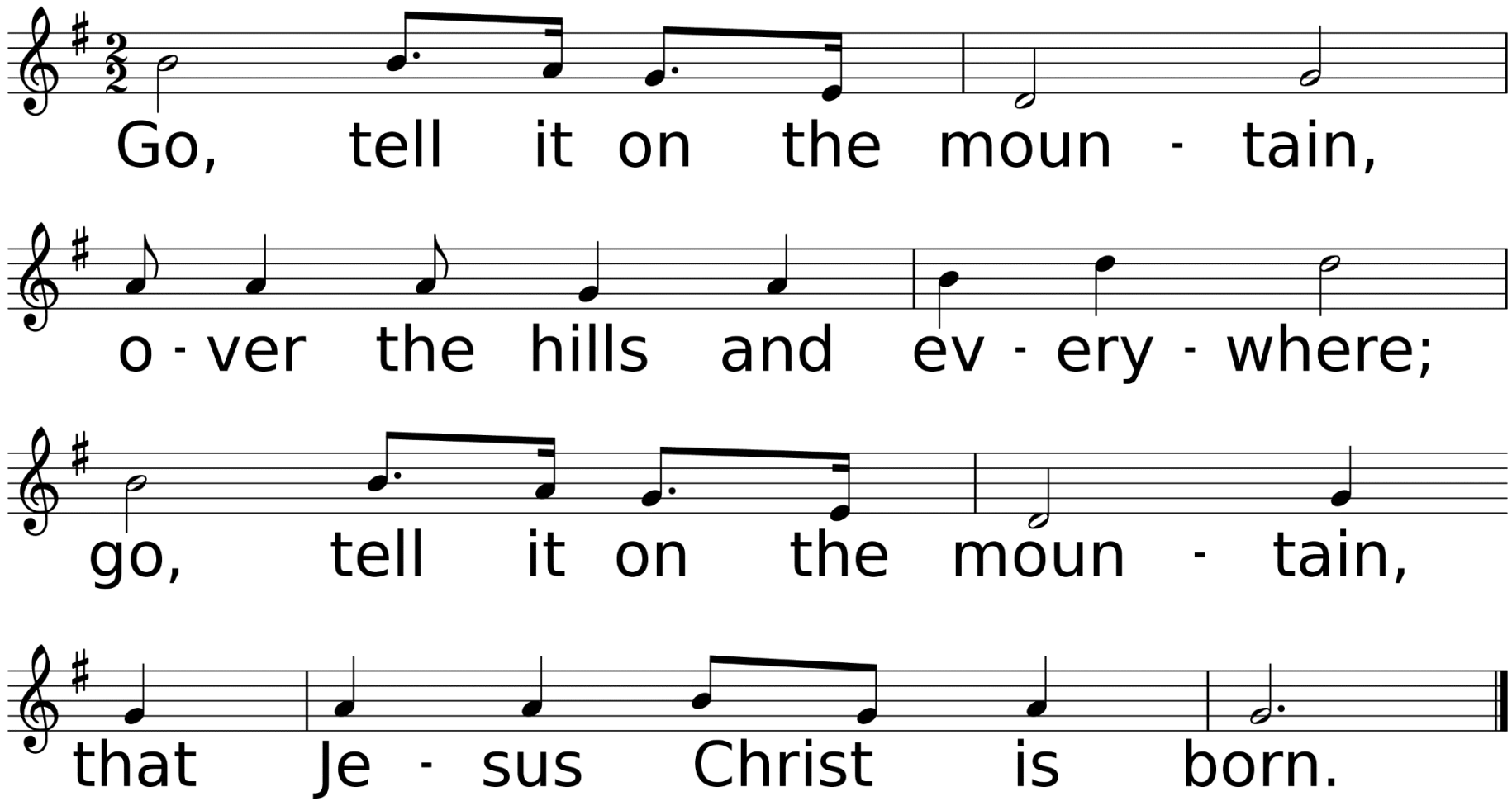


WORDS: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr., 1907 (Lk. 2:8-20)
MUSIC (GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, Irr. with Refrain): Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986, © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House


1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing
o’er si - lent flocks by night,
be - hold through - out the heav - ens
there shown a ho - ly light.


Go, tell it on the moun - tain,
o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;
go, tell it on the moun - tain,
that Je - sus Christ is born.


3. Down in a low - ly man - ger
the hum - ble Christ was born,
and God sent us sal - va - tion
that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.


Go, tell it on the moun - tain,
o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;
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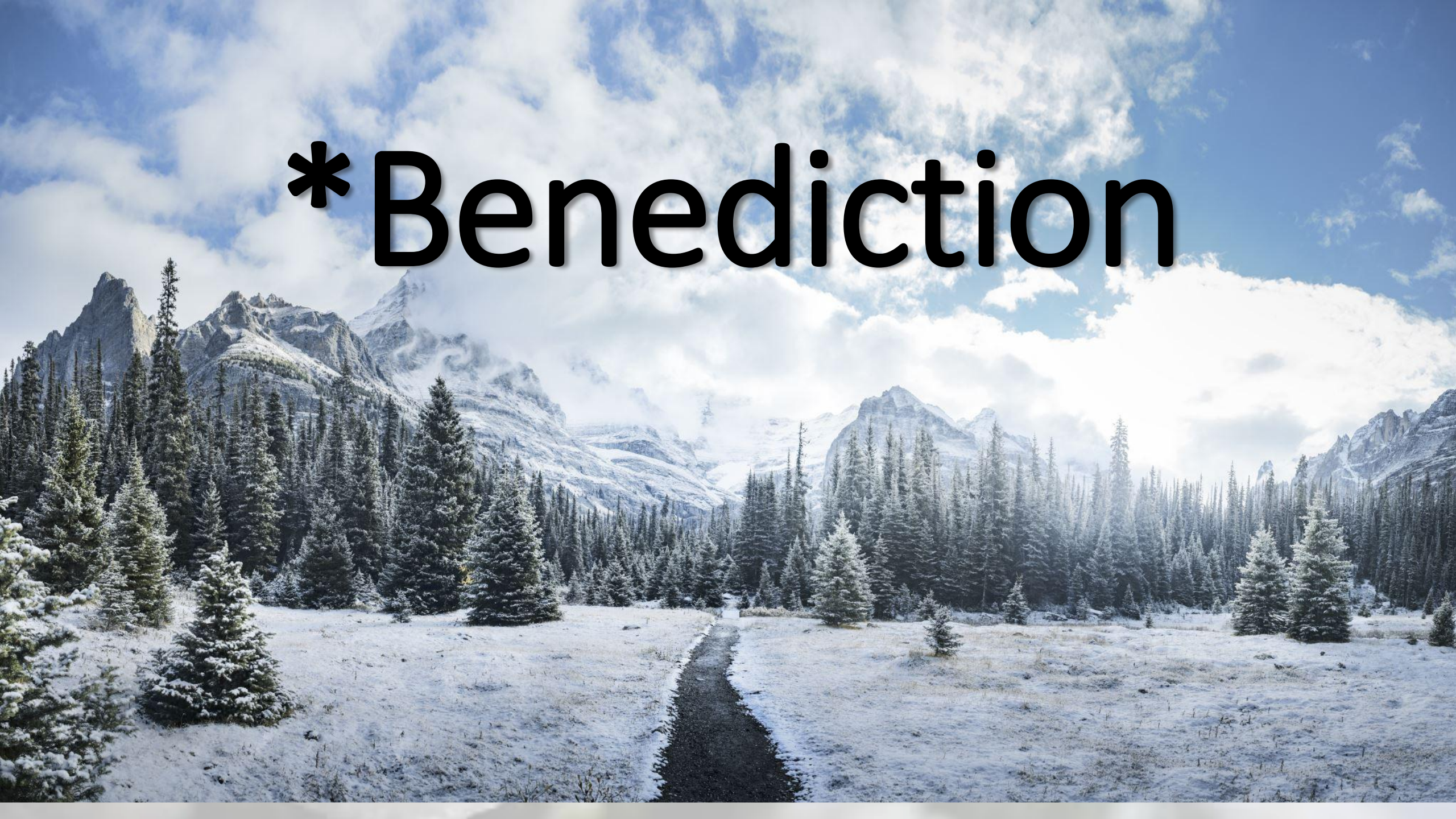
*Benediction

*Sending Forth

We Three Kings

UMH #254, V. 1

WORDS and MUSIC by: John H. Hopkins Jr.

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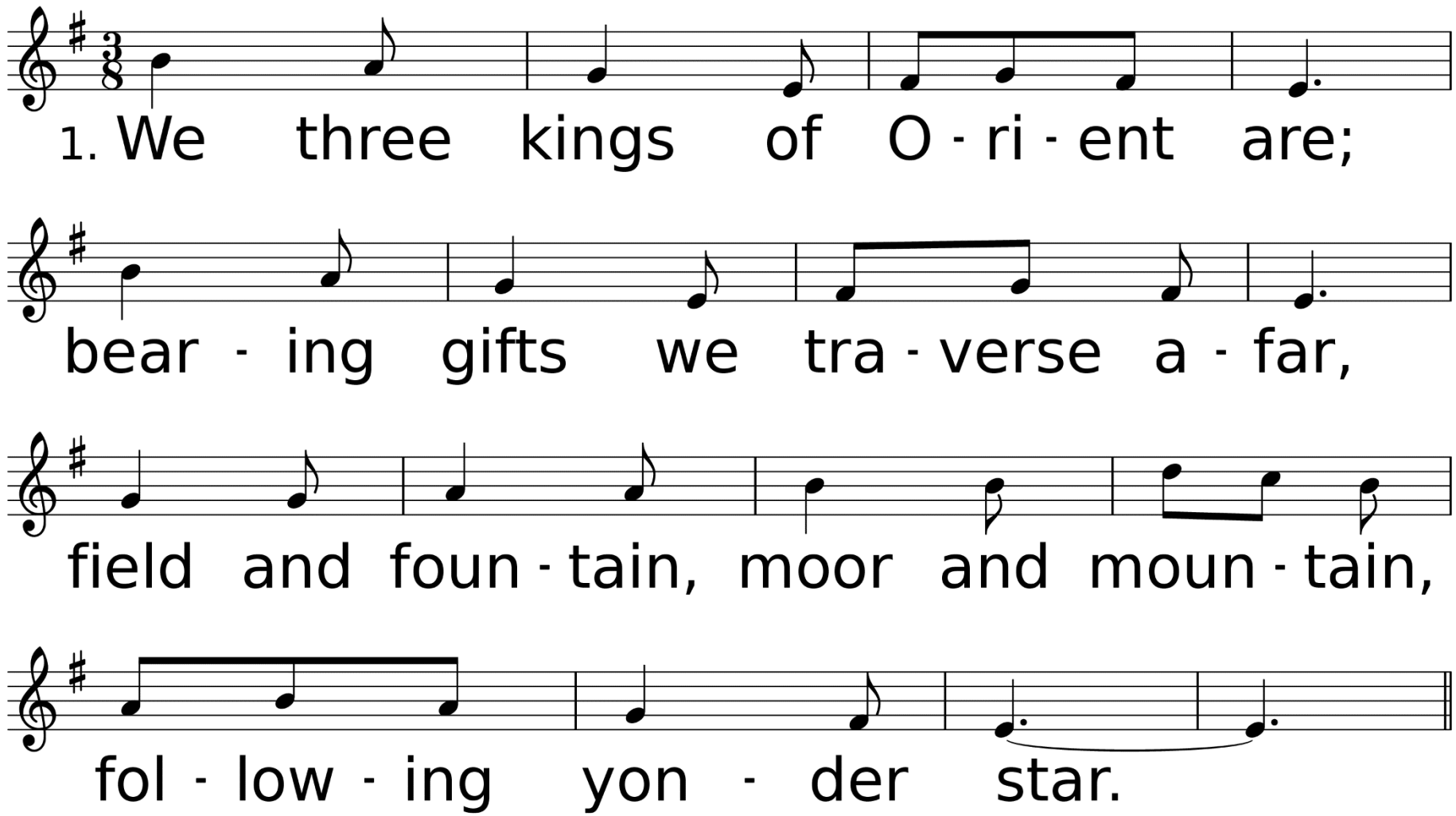
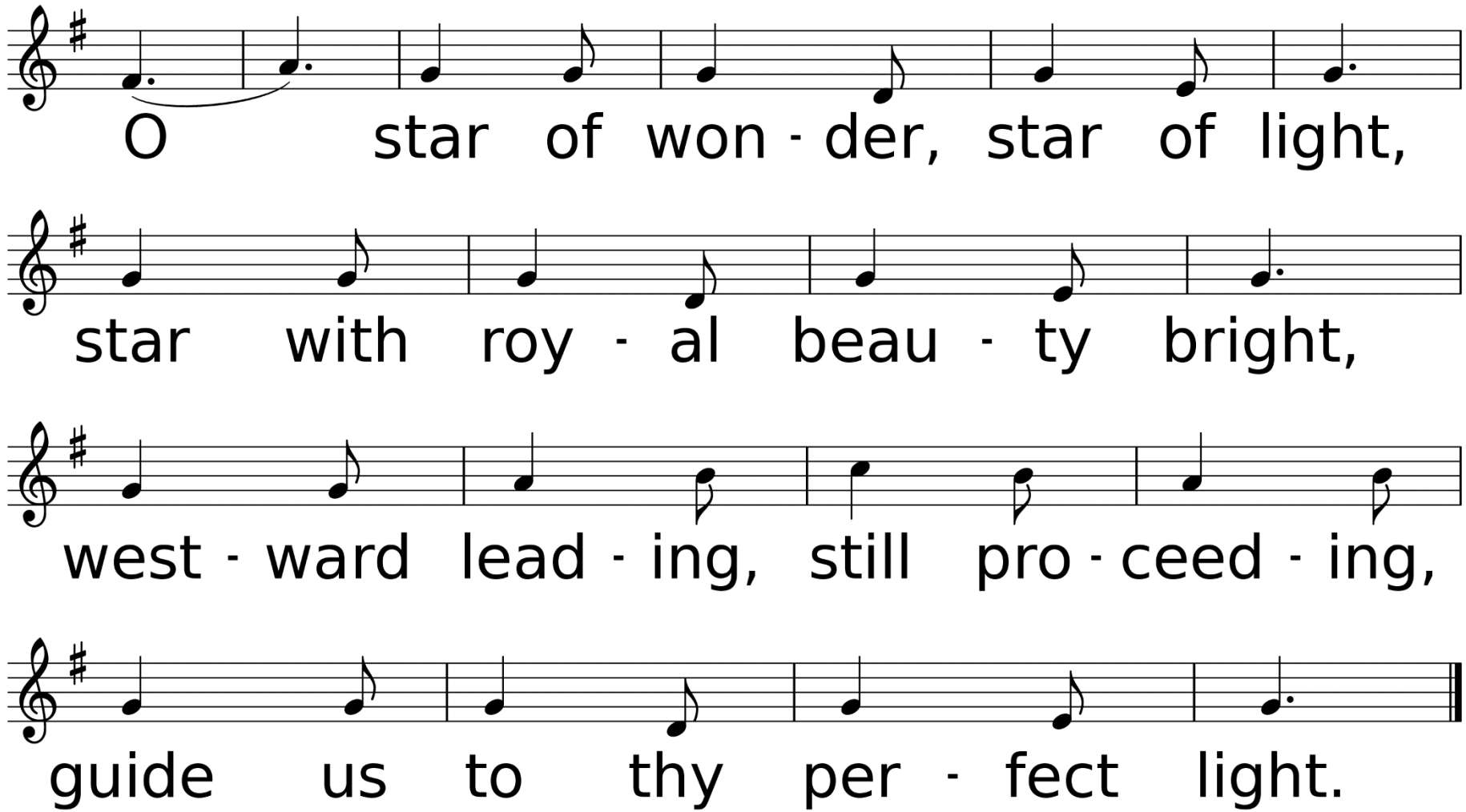


WORDS: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857 (Mt. 2:1-12)
MUSIC (KINGS OF ORIENT 88.446 with Refrain): John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857


O star of won - der, star of light,
star with roy - al beau - ty bright,
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing,
guide us to thy per - fect light.


Thank you for joining us today!
See You Next Year!
MERRY
CHRISTMAS