Welcome Home!

January 2, 2022

Sunday Worship Service

Online & in the Sanctuary

10:00 AM

Announcements

Welcome Back,
Louis Michiels!

Choral Call to Worship

This Is A Day of New Beginnings

Brian Wren

Carlton R. Young

*Call to Worship

Leader: Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Congregation:

Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

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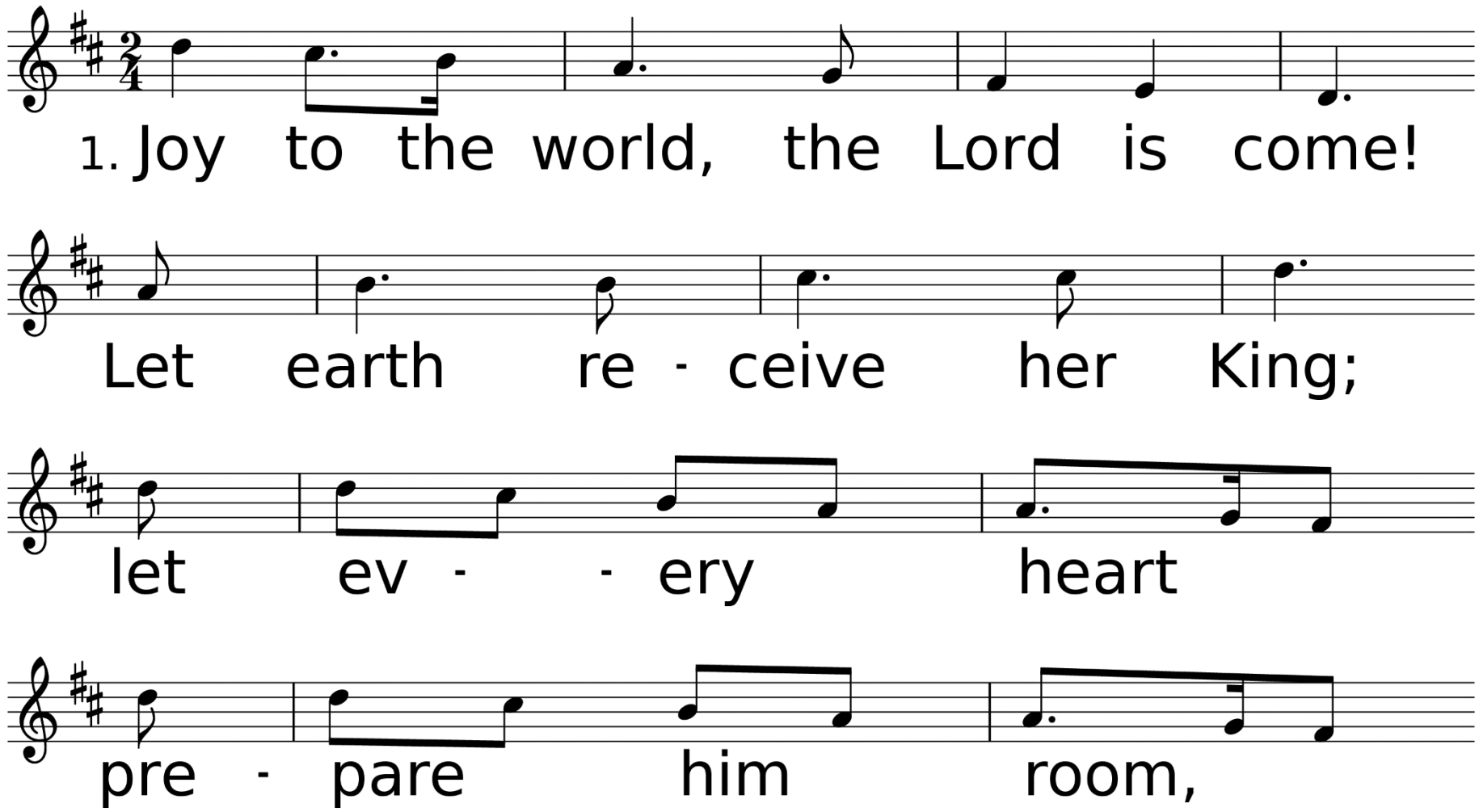

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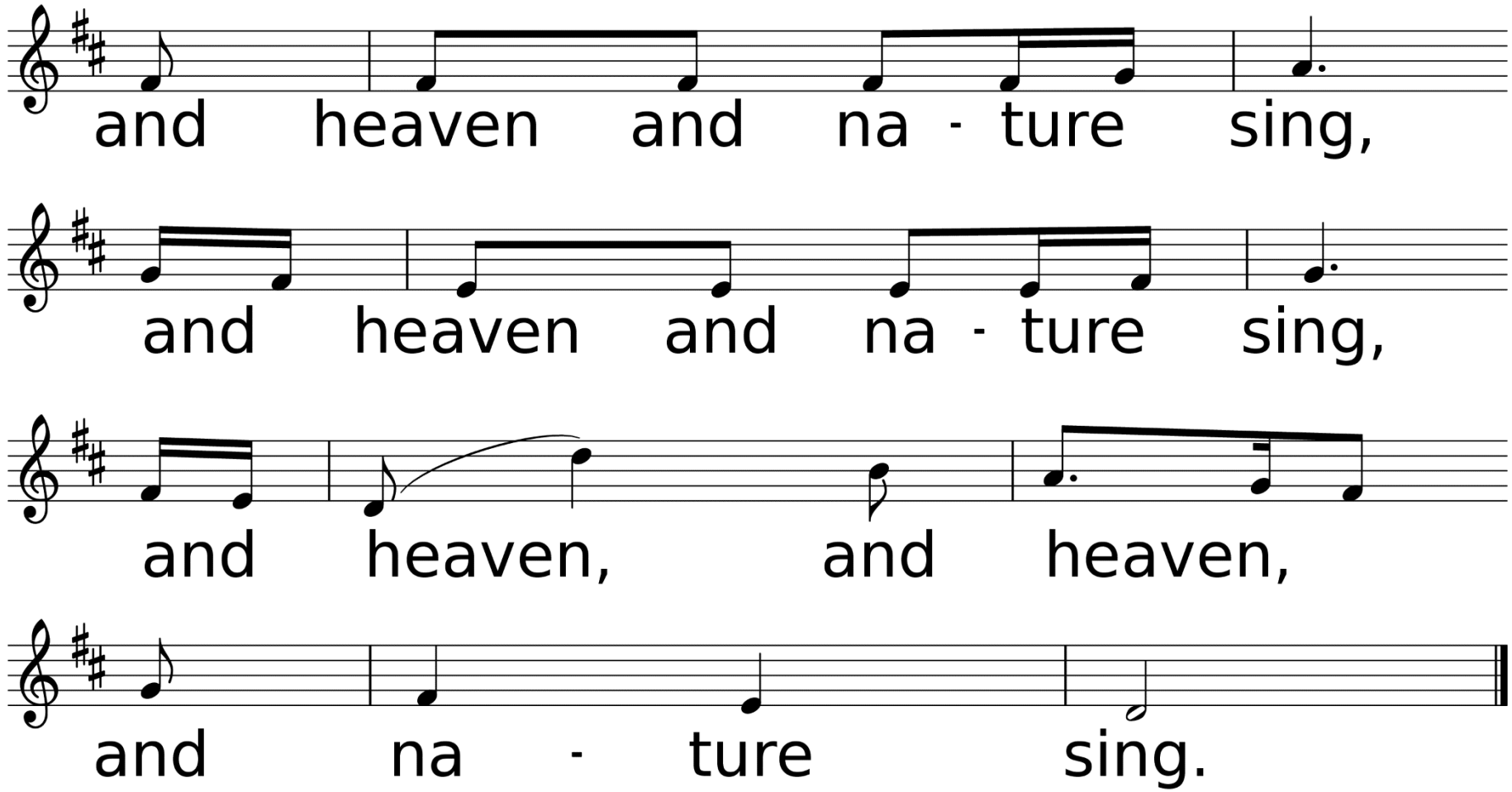
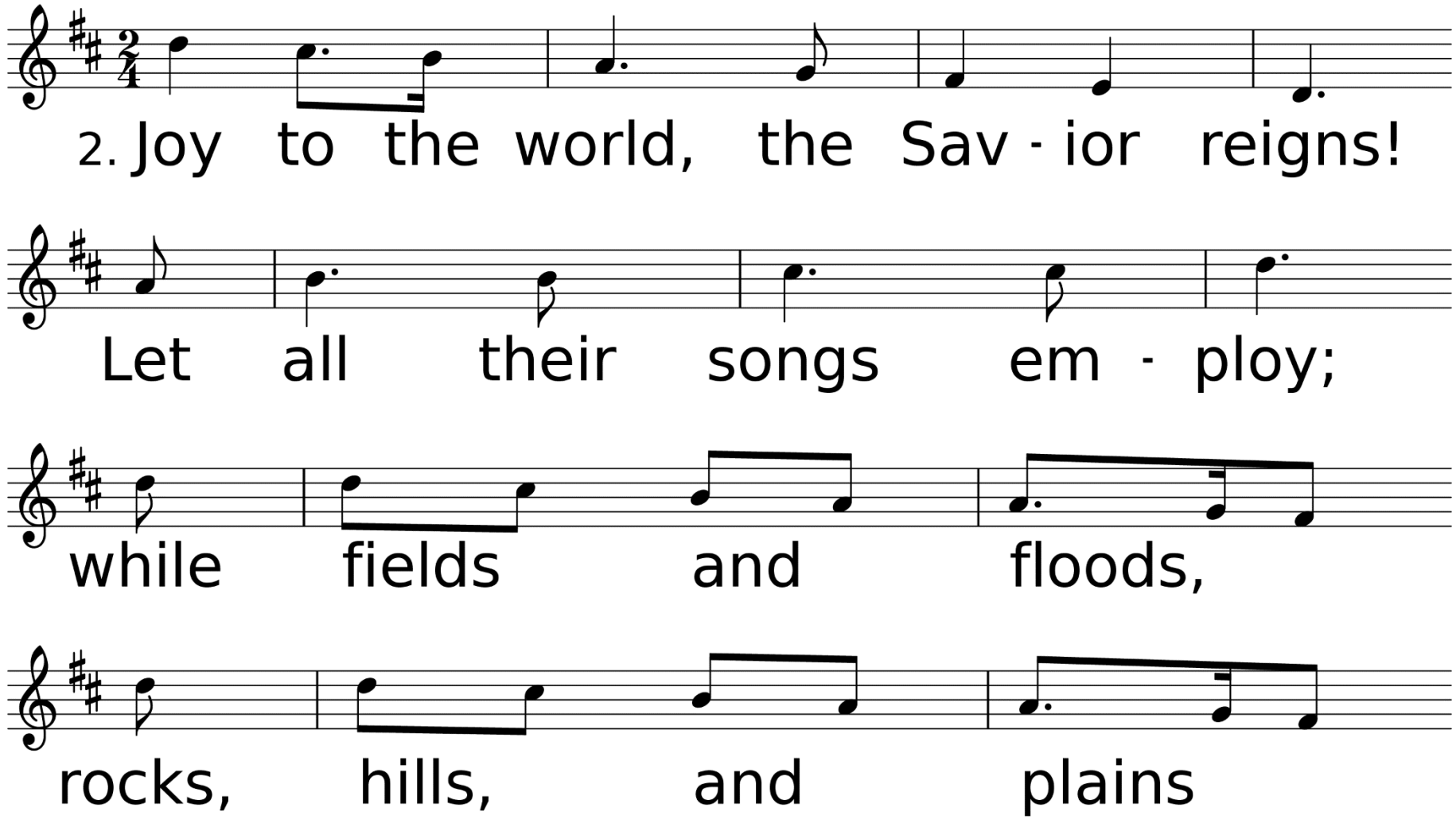
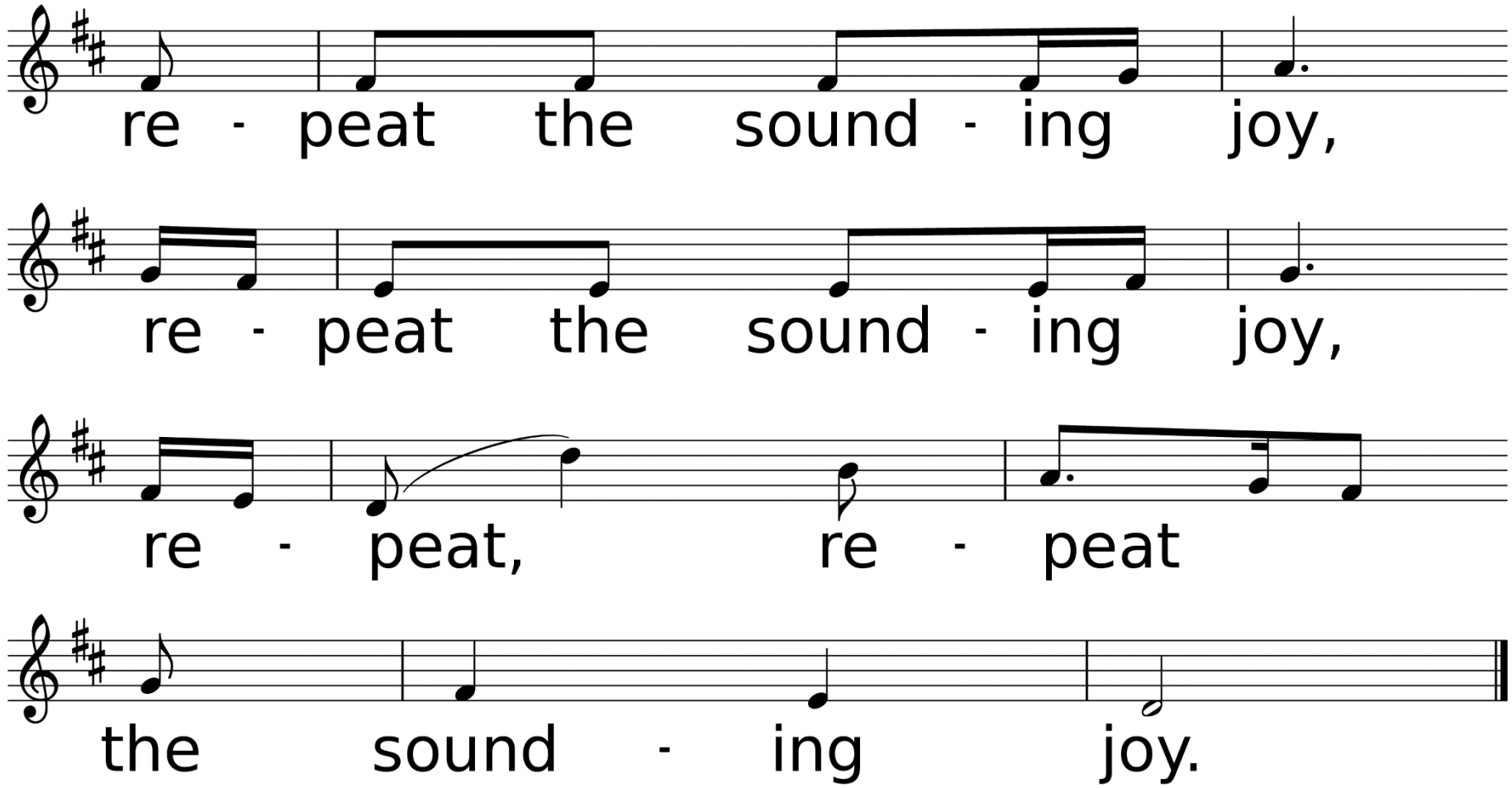

and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven, and heaven,
and na - ture sing.


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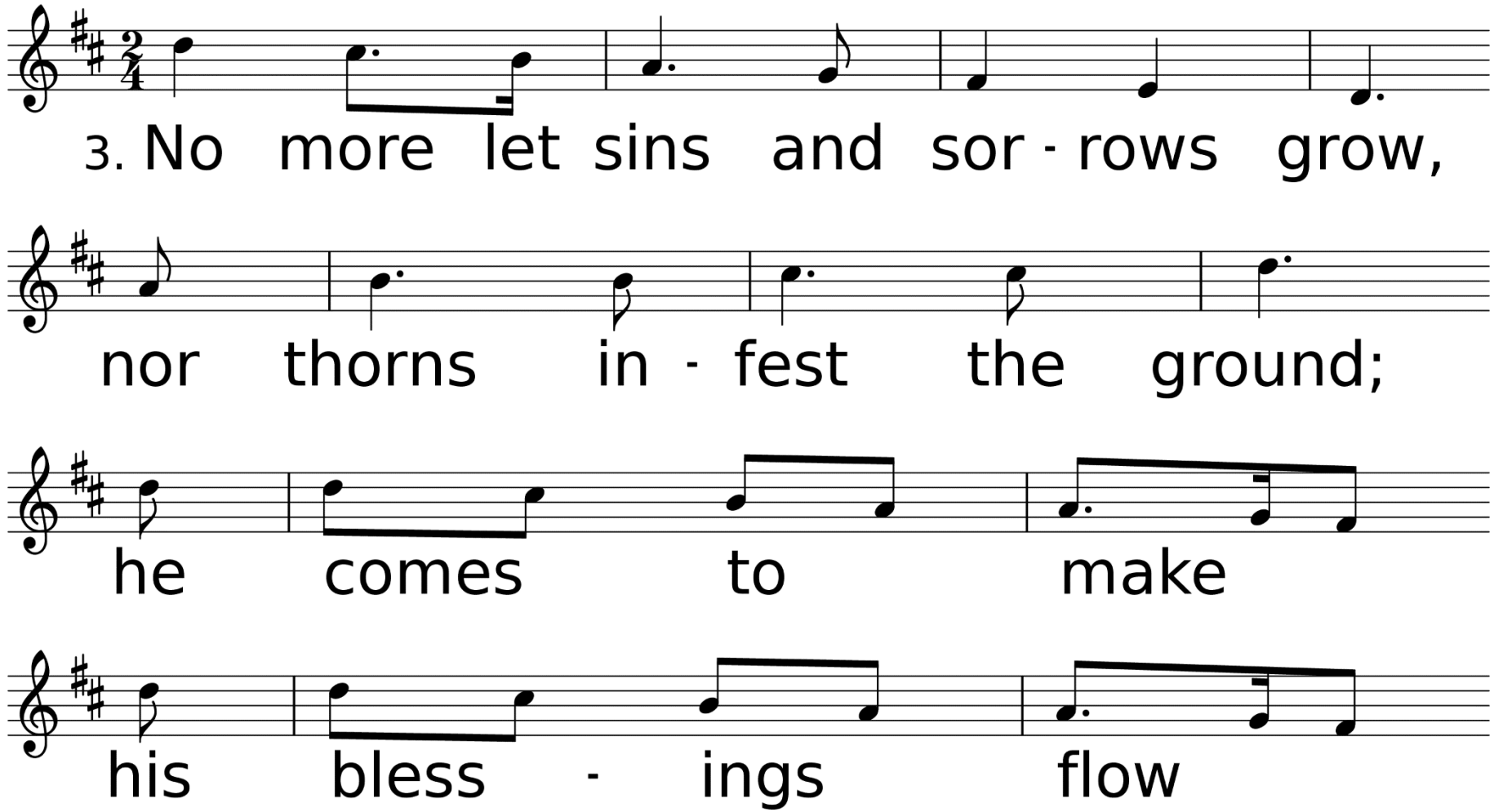
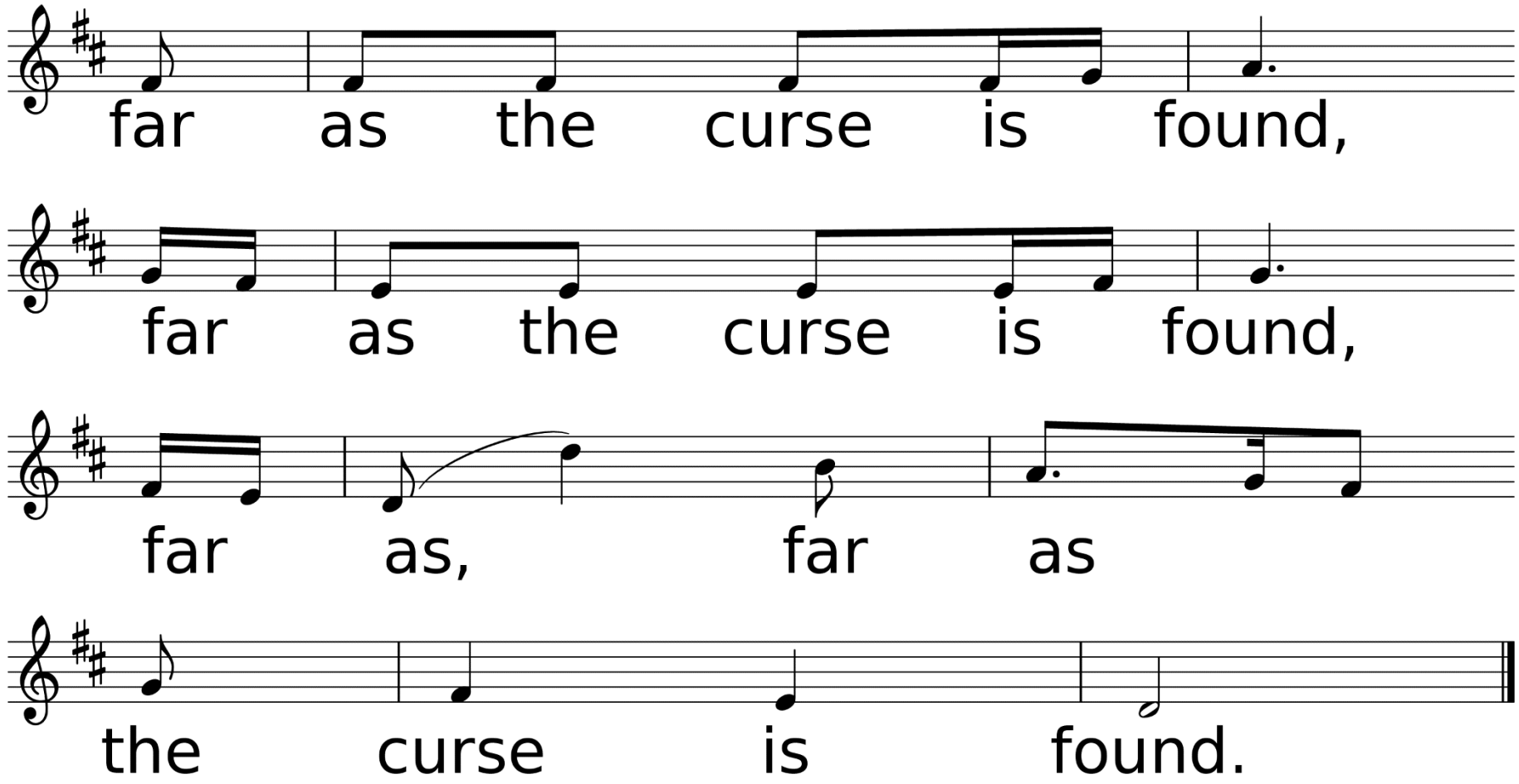
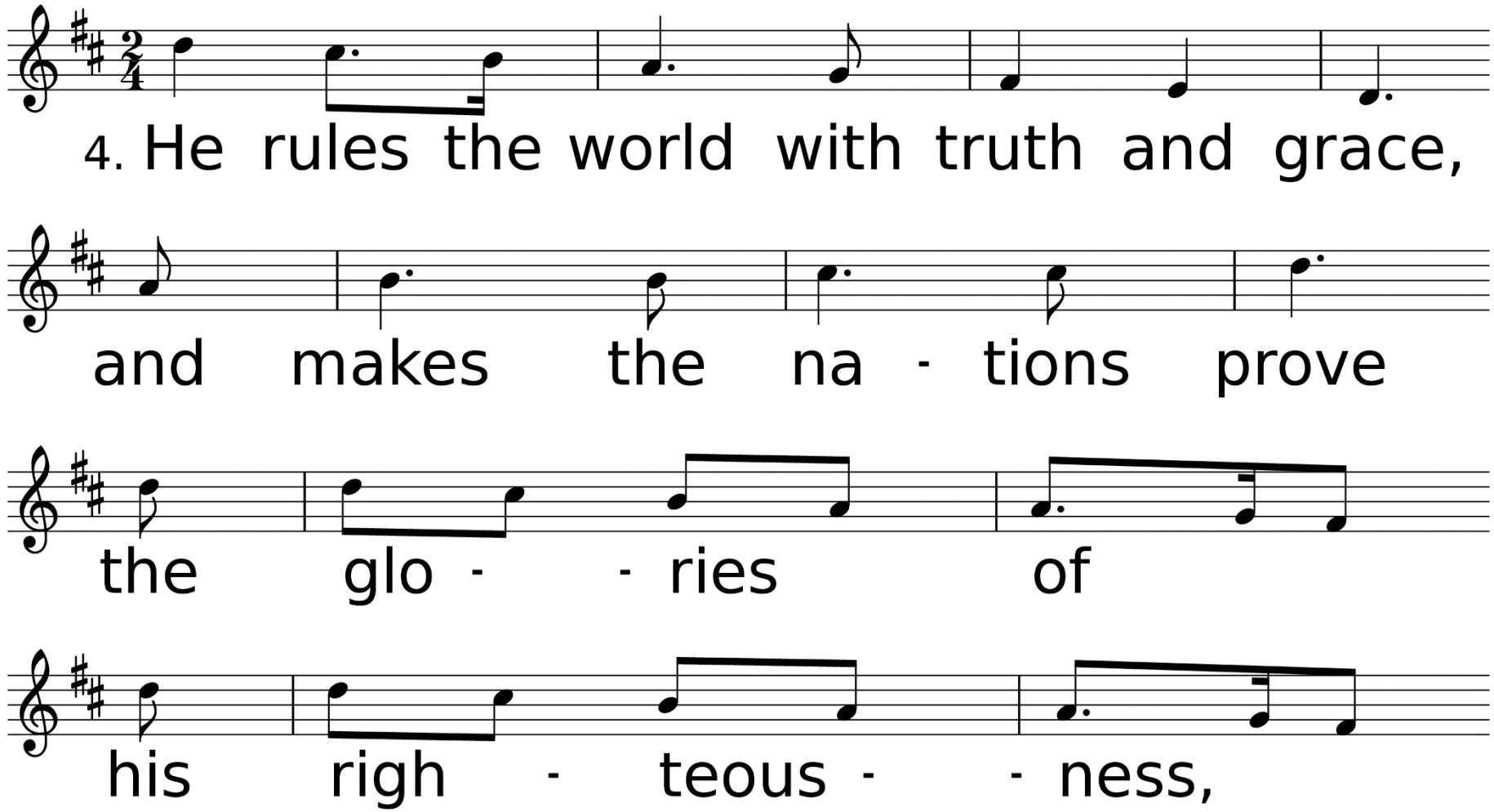
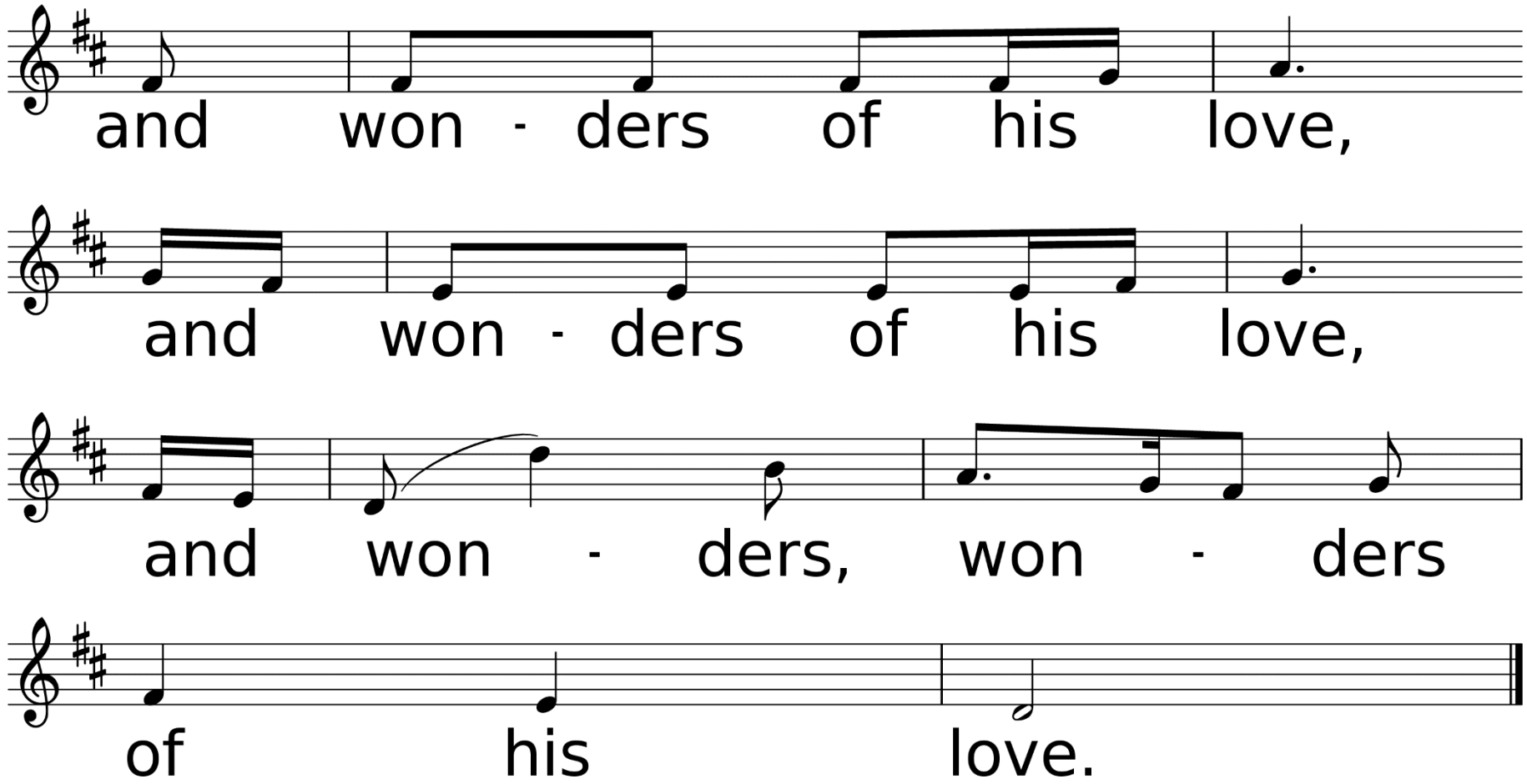
the sound - ing joy.


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.

*Affirmation of Faith

Congregation: We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifested in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life of the everlasting. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Phyllis Blanton
Crindle Duncan
(P. Blanton)
Rev. Mike Hannah
(L. Waughtal)
Tornado Victims & UMCOR
Elizabeth & Dale Vincent
Francis Slover
(S. Chavez)
Honduras Mission Trip
(S. Hill)
Margaretta Mayes
(C. Slover)
Mike Teel
(L. Waughtal)
Donna McCullough
Sonny Lambert
(J. Vinyard)

Samantha Louque
(S. Hill)
Amanda & Walter Smith
(T. Hammerschmidt)
Eleanor Marcello Jones
Roy Ades
Dick Neely
(J. & L. Oliver)
Joan Mays
(L. Waughtal)
Bob Baldares, Sr.
(M. & J. Bailey)
Darrell Midkiff
(P. Blanton)
Seth McCullough
(McCullough Family)

David & Charlotte Butler
(B. Hammerschmidt)
Laura Moses
Carol Baldares
(M. & J. Bailey)
Judy Barbay
(L. Schultz)
Anthony Lee
(son of Brenda Lee)
Charlene Blevins
(B. Vaughn)
Chad Windborne
(J. Schwarze)
Alex Baker
(C. Scott)
Ruth Wells
(B. Vaughn)

Ronnie Cuevas
(M. Bailey)
Lydia Derouen
(D. & V. Allen)
John Nelson
Andrew Palmer
(T. Craig)
Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)
Joy and Jerry Jones
Amie Biggs Lewis
(D. McCullough)
Dennis Bevers
(J. Schwarze)
Don Savant
(L. Savant)
Eddie Kilman
(B. Kilman)

Keith Nelson
(M. Nelson)
Neely Biggs
(P. Launey)
Mary Scarborough
(M. Bailey)
Marie Williams
Anna Wiggins
Sharon Dukes
Kayetha Wilson
Jeff Stuhlman
(K. Allen)
Mark & Kelley Allen
Beverly Shelton
(sister of M. Mistrzak)
MaryAnn Greer
(S. Chavez)
Richard Oliver

Lori Woodard
(J. Schwarze)
Jerry Willbanks
Brian Hughes
Robert Chavez
Carol Downs Montgomery
(J. Blankenship)
Devon Woodard
(M. Bailey)
Laila Prather
(R. Prather)
Howard Thorne
Kathy Enochs
(D. & V. Allen)
Angela Mallett
(J. Schwarze)

Hurricane Recovery Efforts, All Emergency Personnel, The Military, City of DeRidder, State of Louisiana, The United States of America, Our World, Our Enemies, Our Church, & Those Who Have Hurt Us

Call To Prayer
The First Noel

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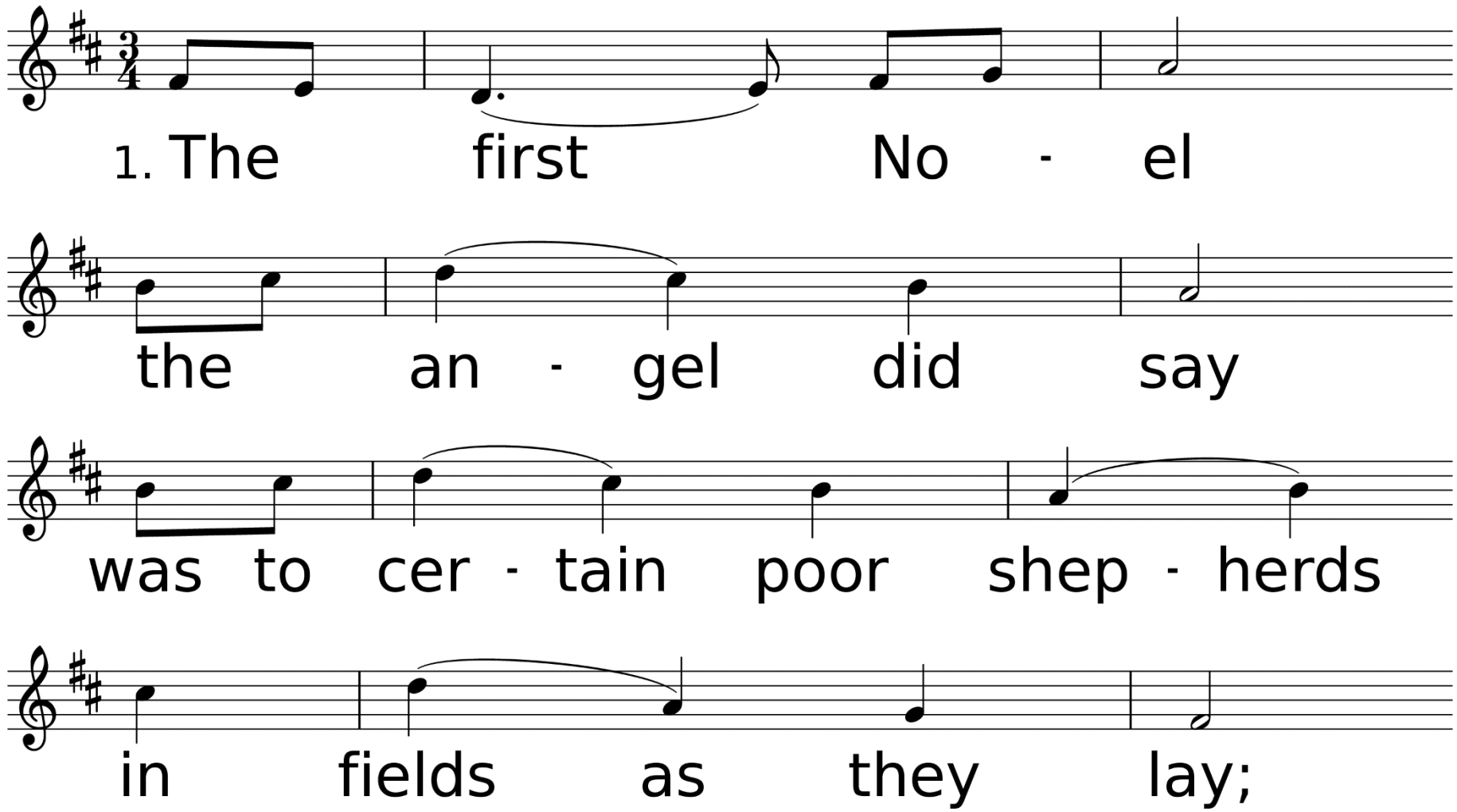

WORDS: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)
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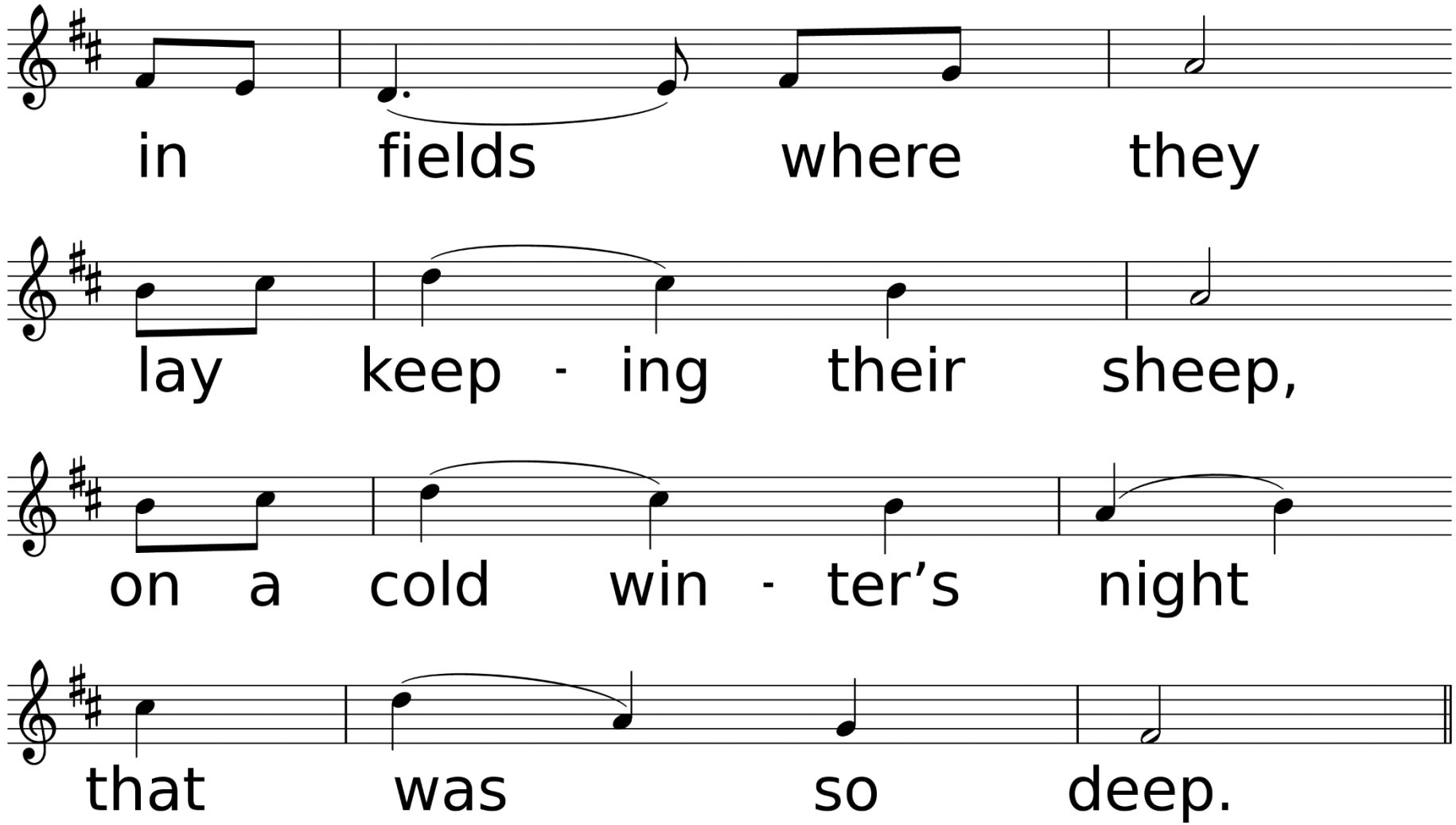
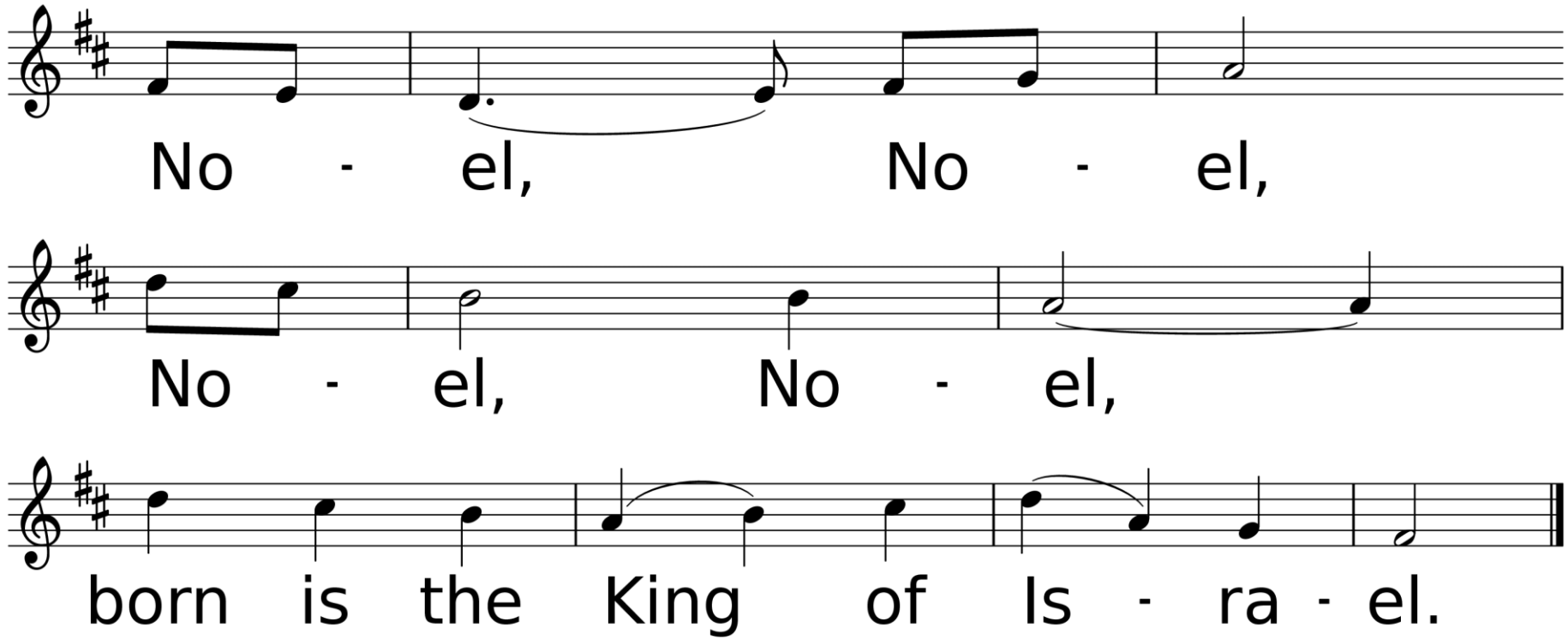

in fields where they
lay keep - ing their sheep,
on a cold win - ter's night
that was so deep.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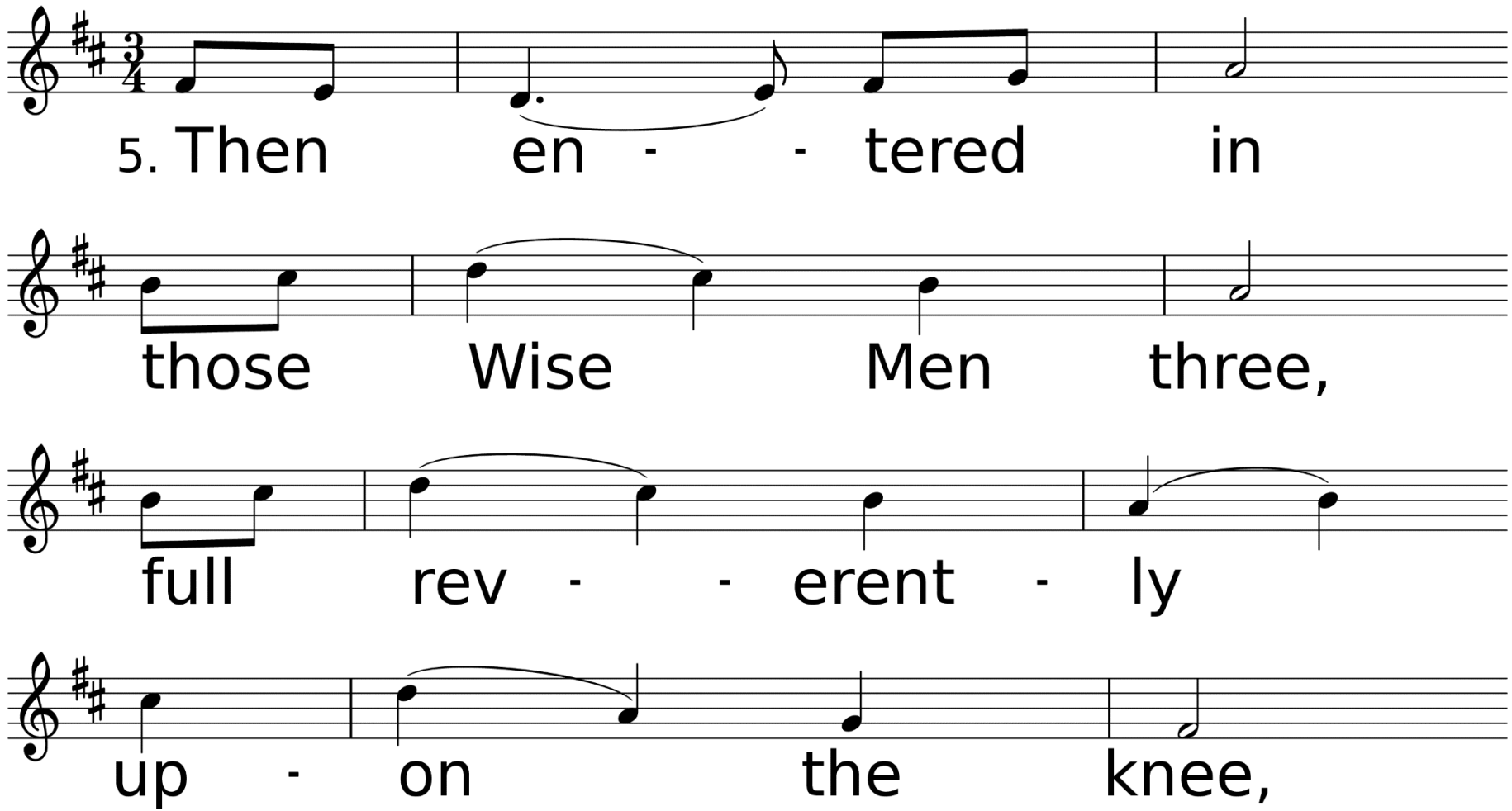
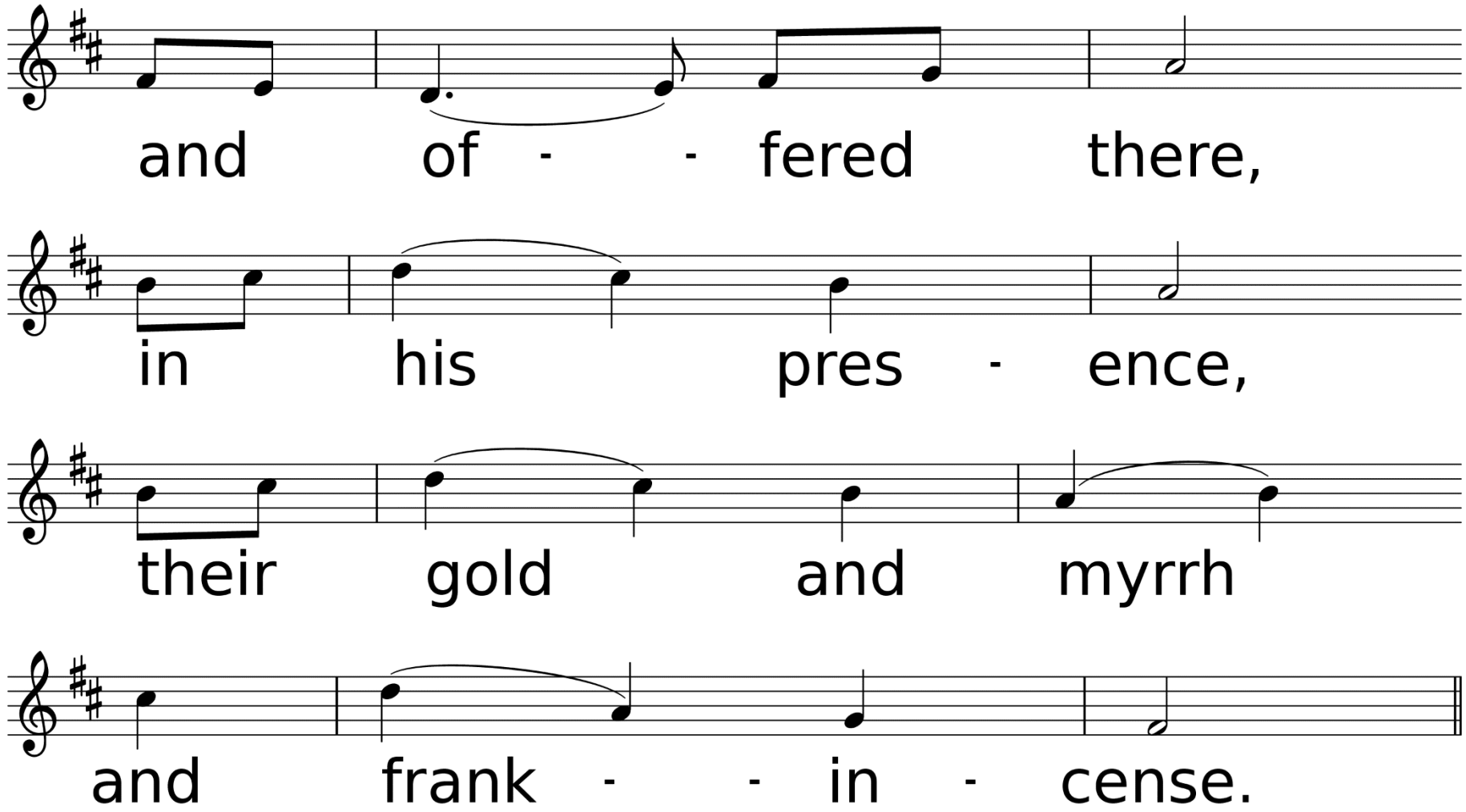
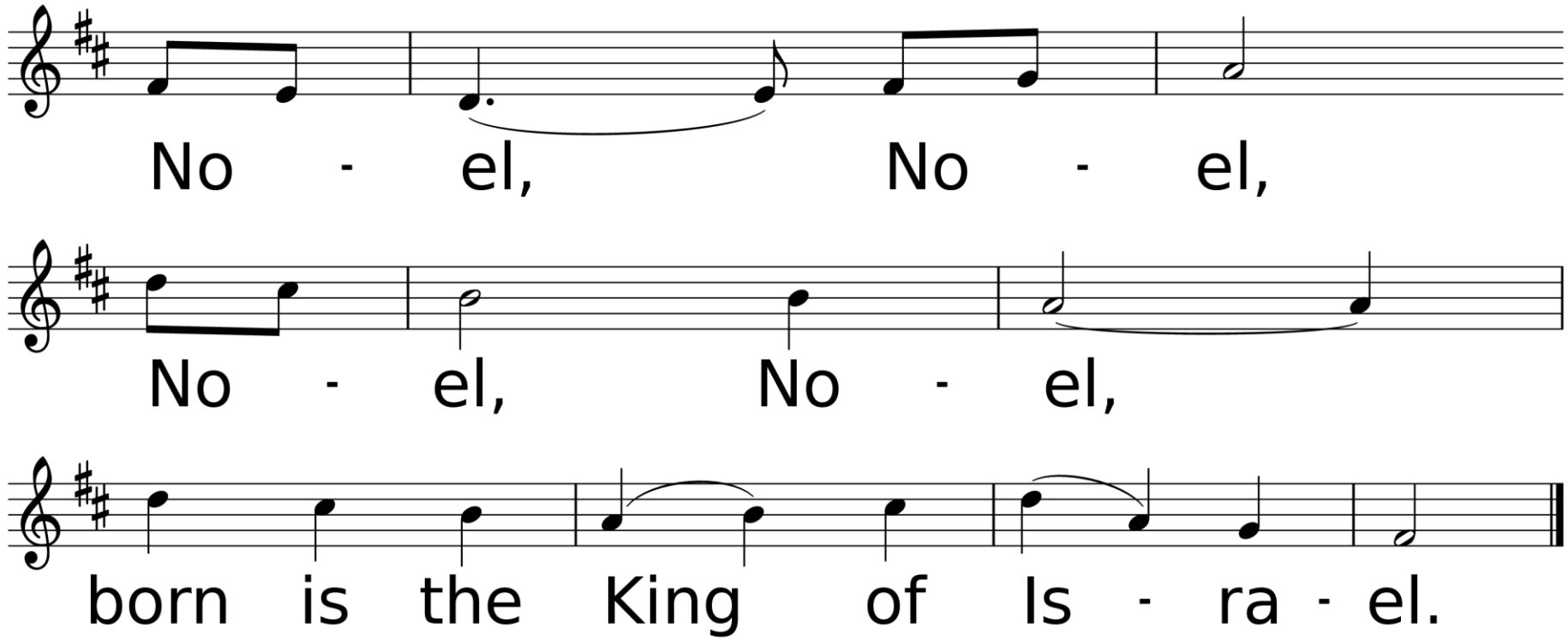
No - el, No - el,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.


5. Then en - - tered in
those Wise Men three,
full rev - - erent - ly
up - on the knee,


and of - - fered there,
in his pres - ence,
their gold and myrrh
and frank - - in - cense.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Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God,
From Whom
All Blessings Flow

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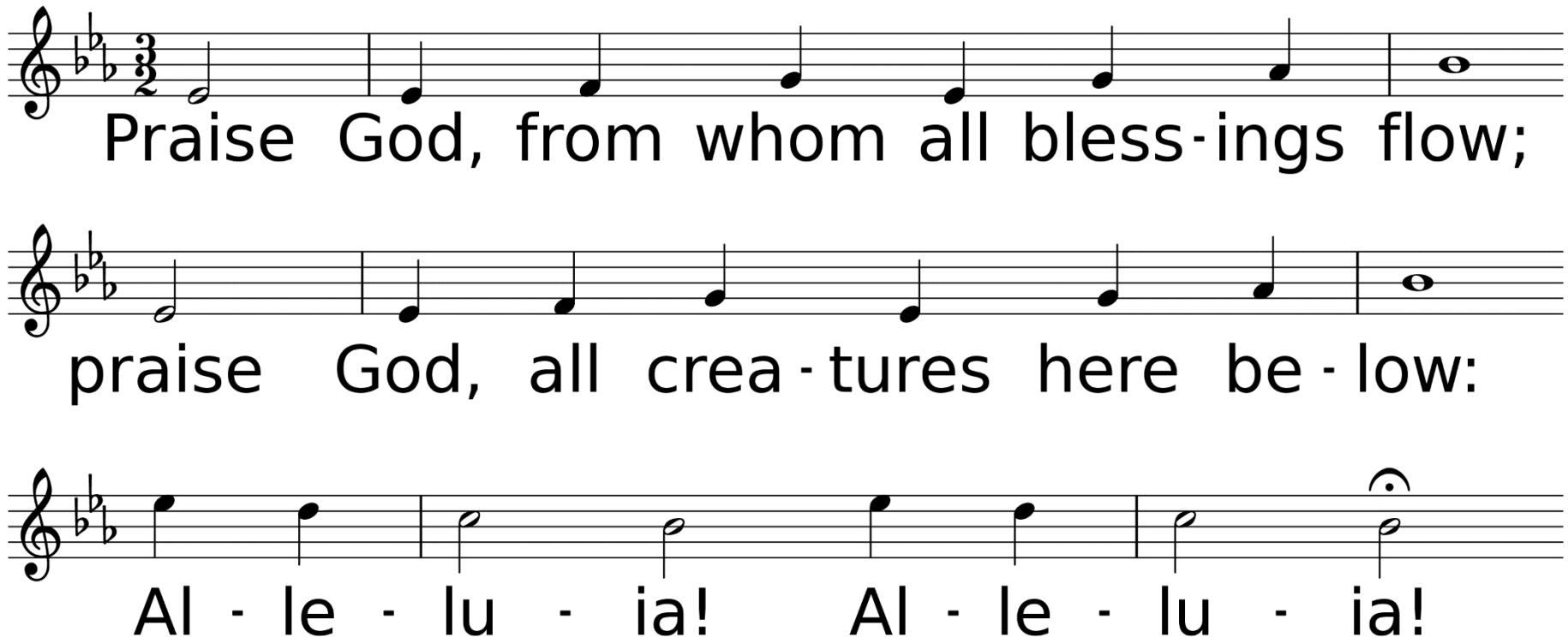
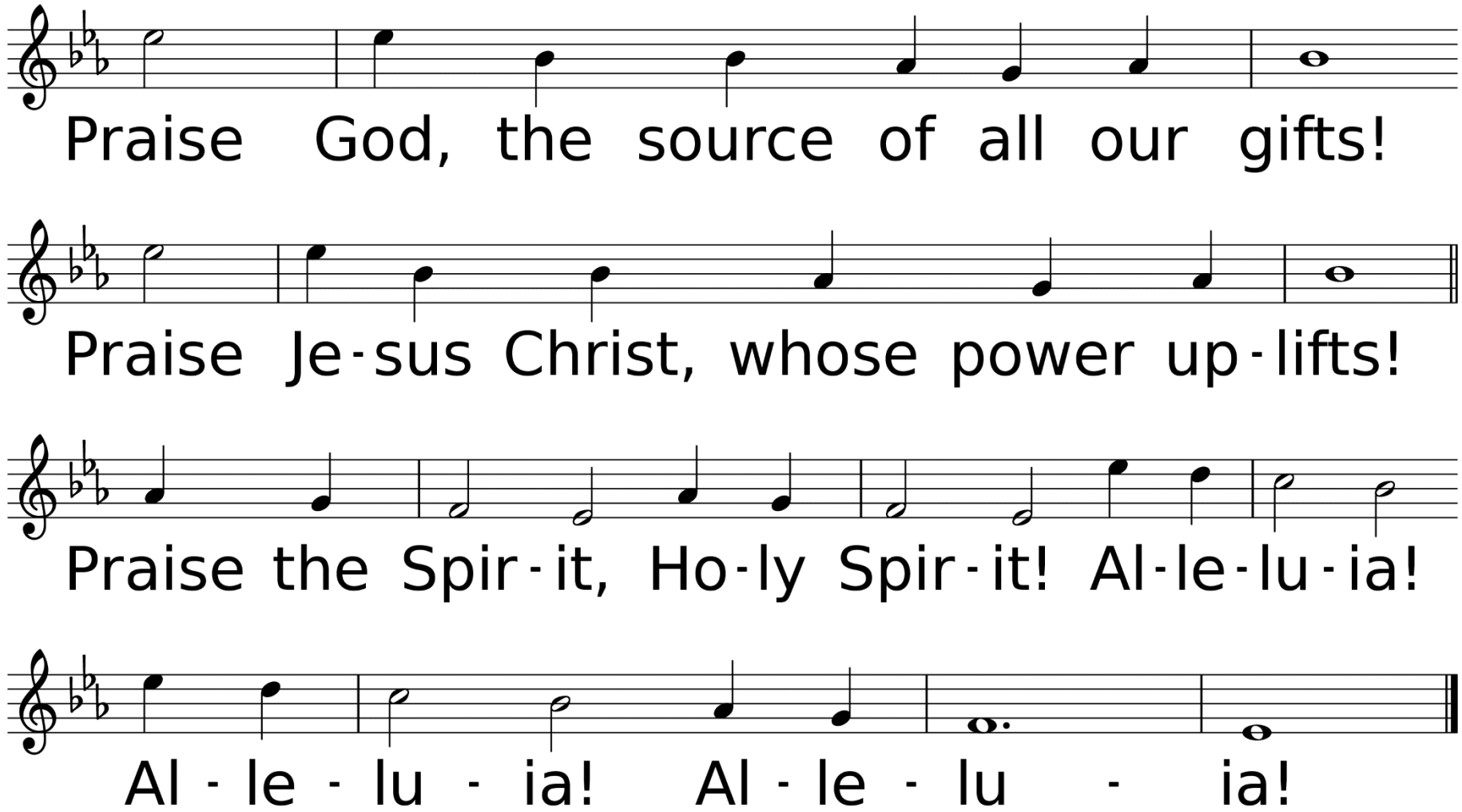


WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978; adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House,
MUSIC (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 88.44.88 with Refrain): Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906


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!

Dismissal of Children for Children’s Church

Hymn of Faith

We Three Kings

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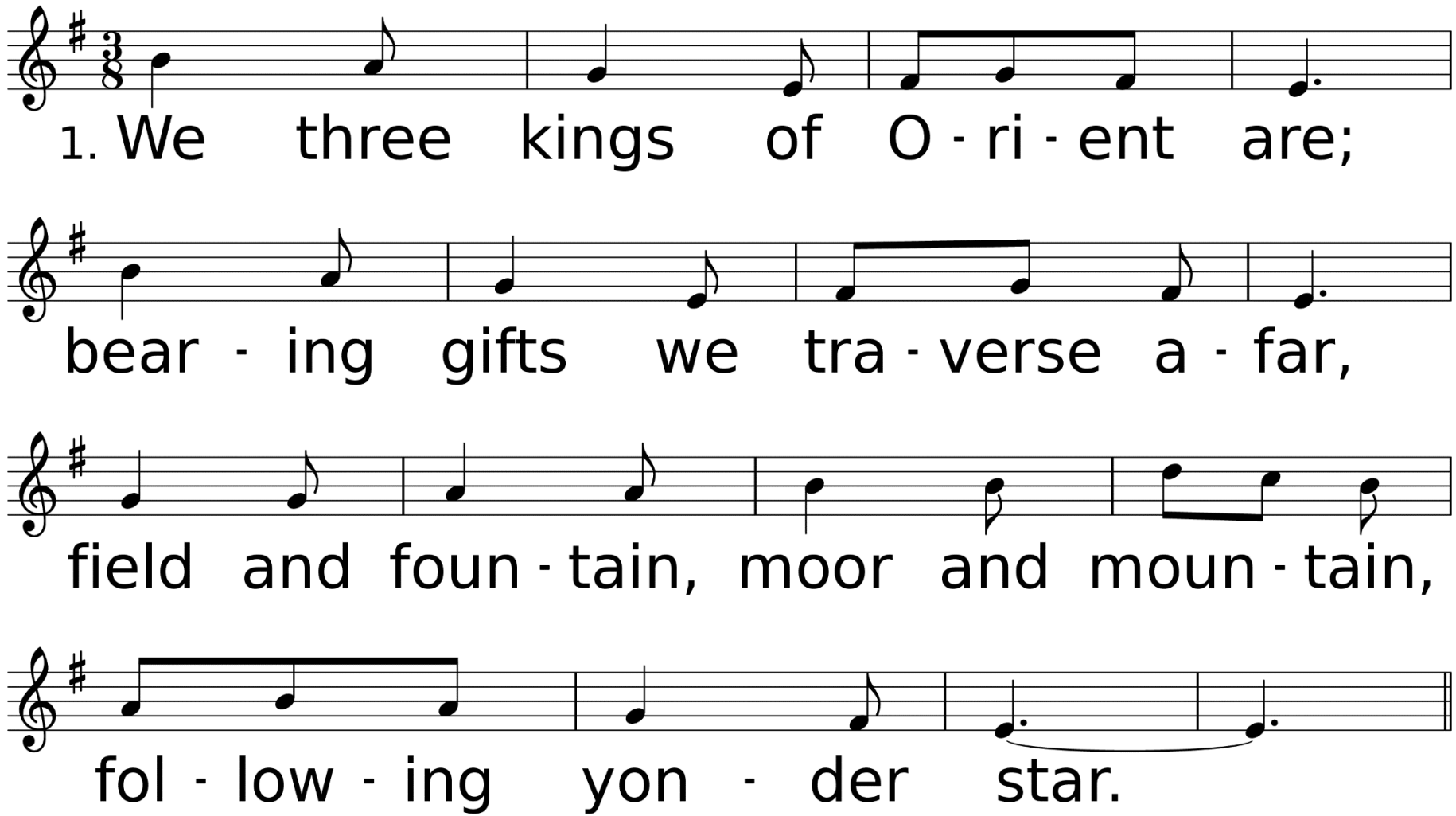

WORDS: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857 (Mt. 2:1-12)
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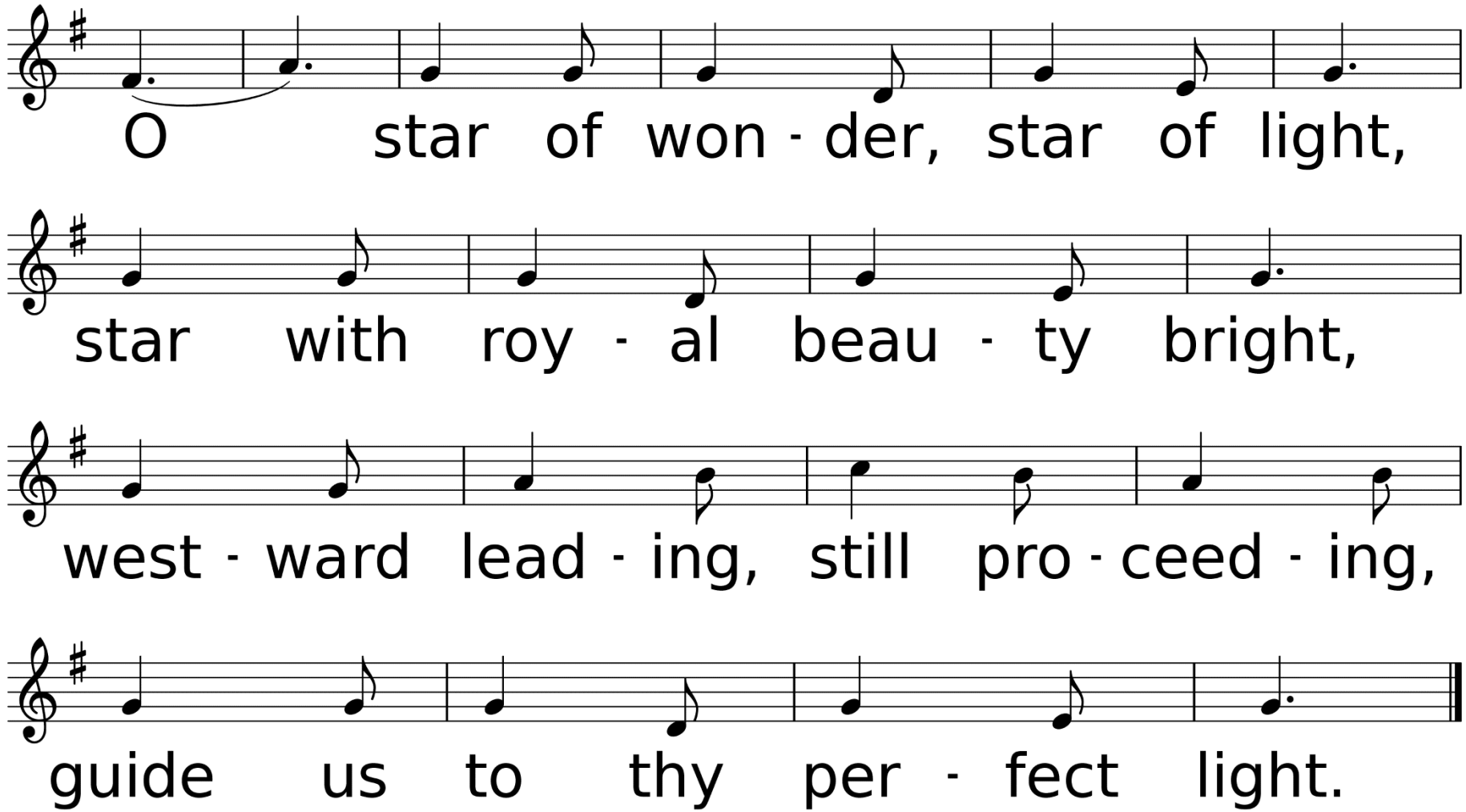
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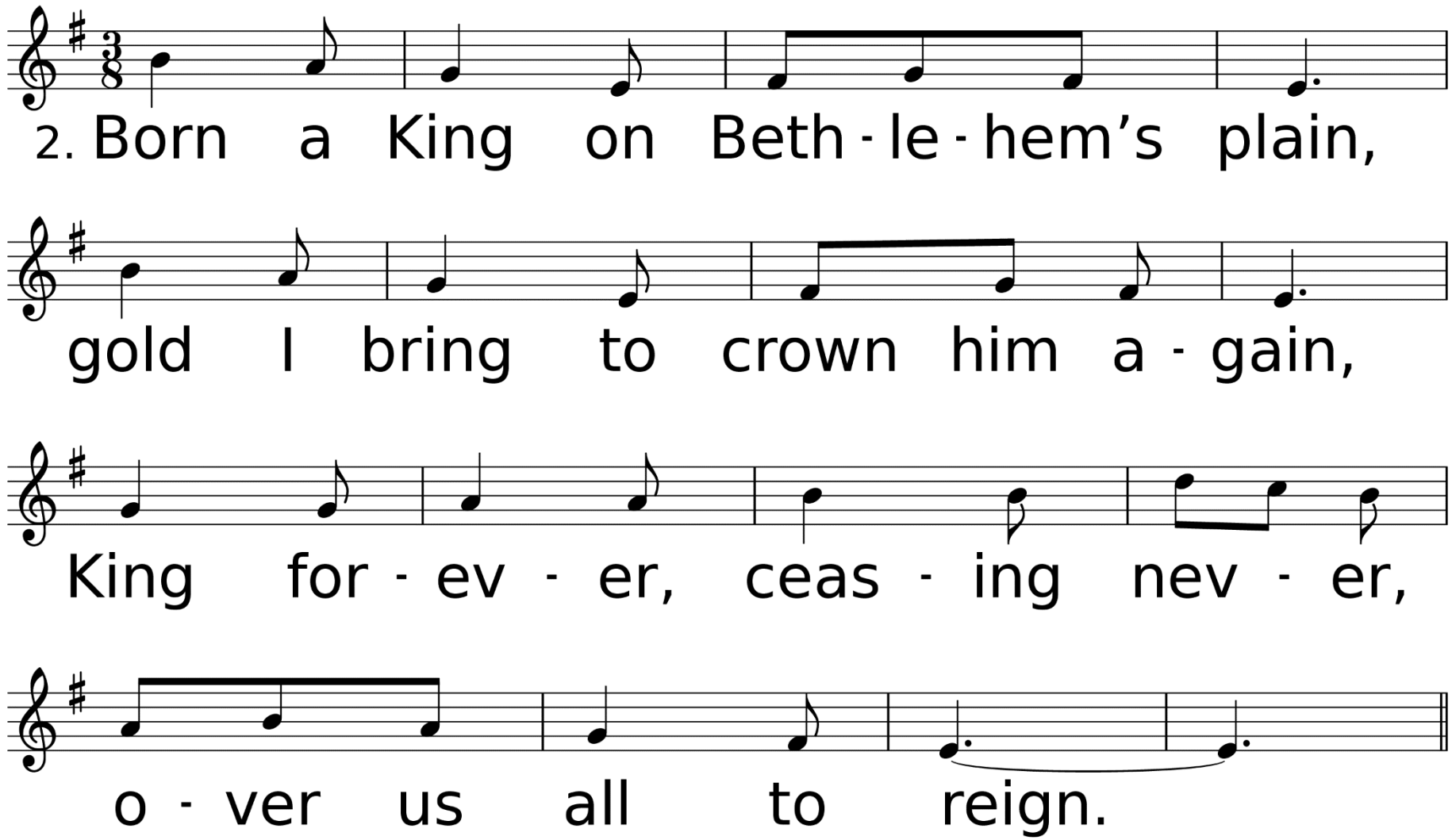
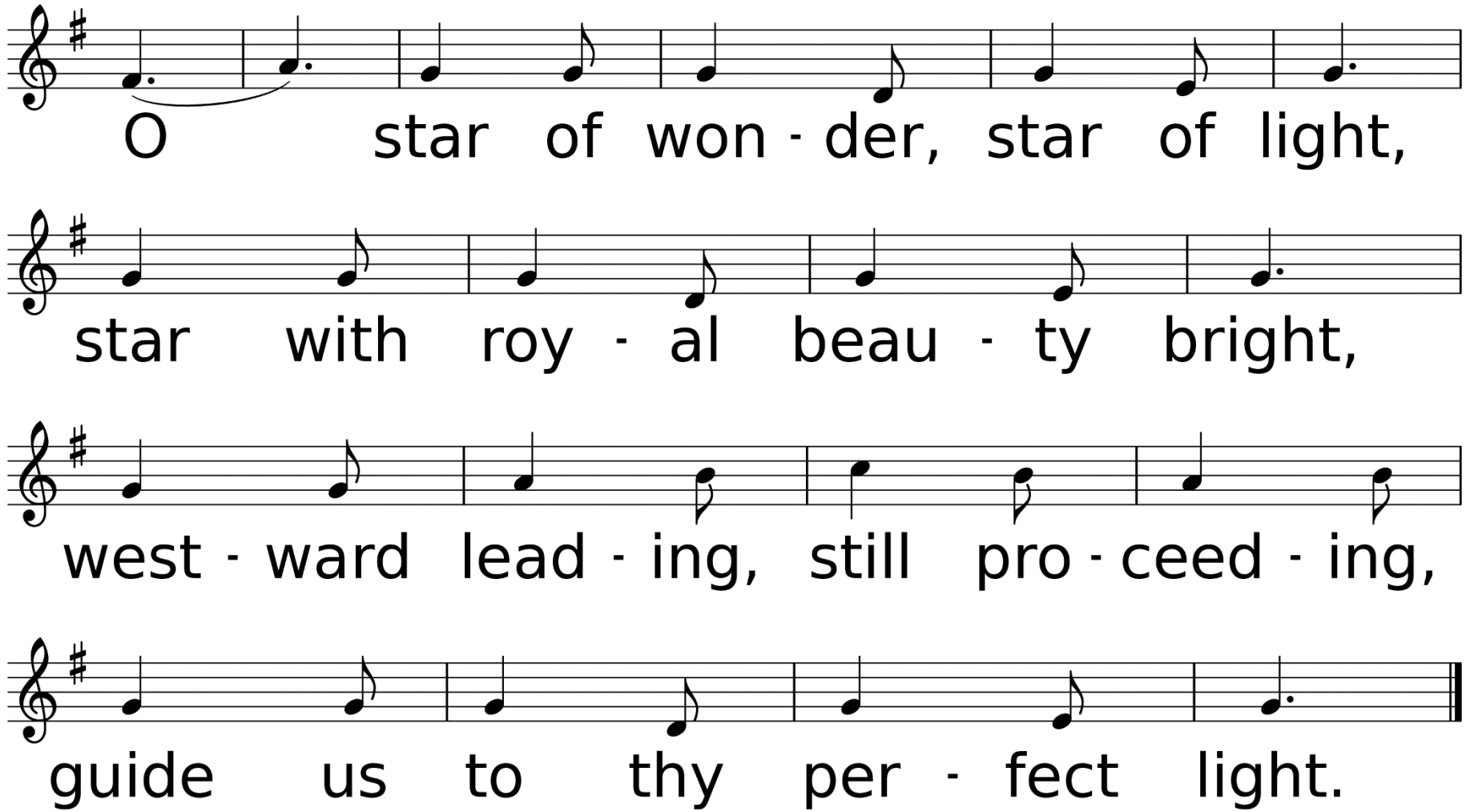
star with roy - al beau - ty bright,
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing,
guide us to thy per - fect light.


2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er,
o - ver us all to reign.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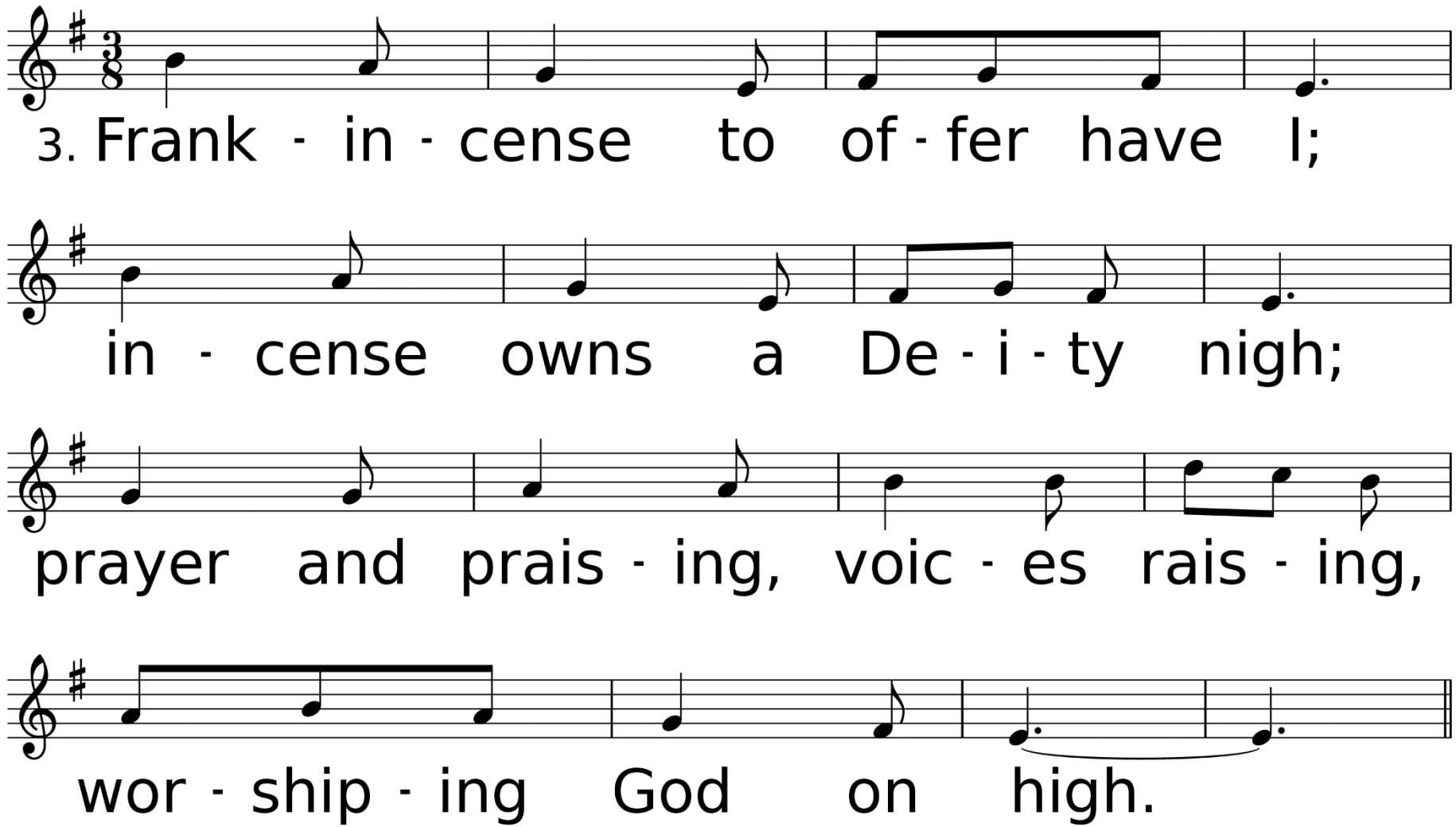
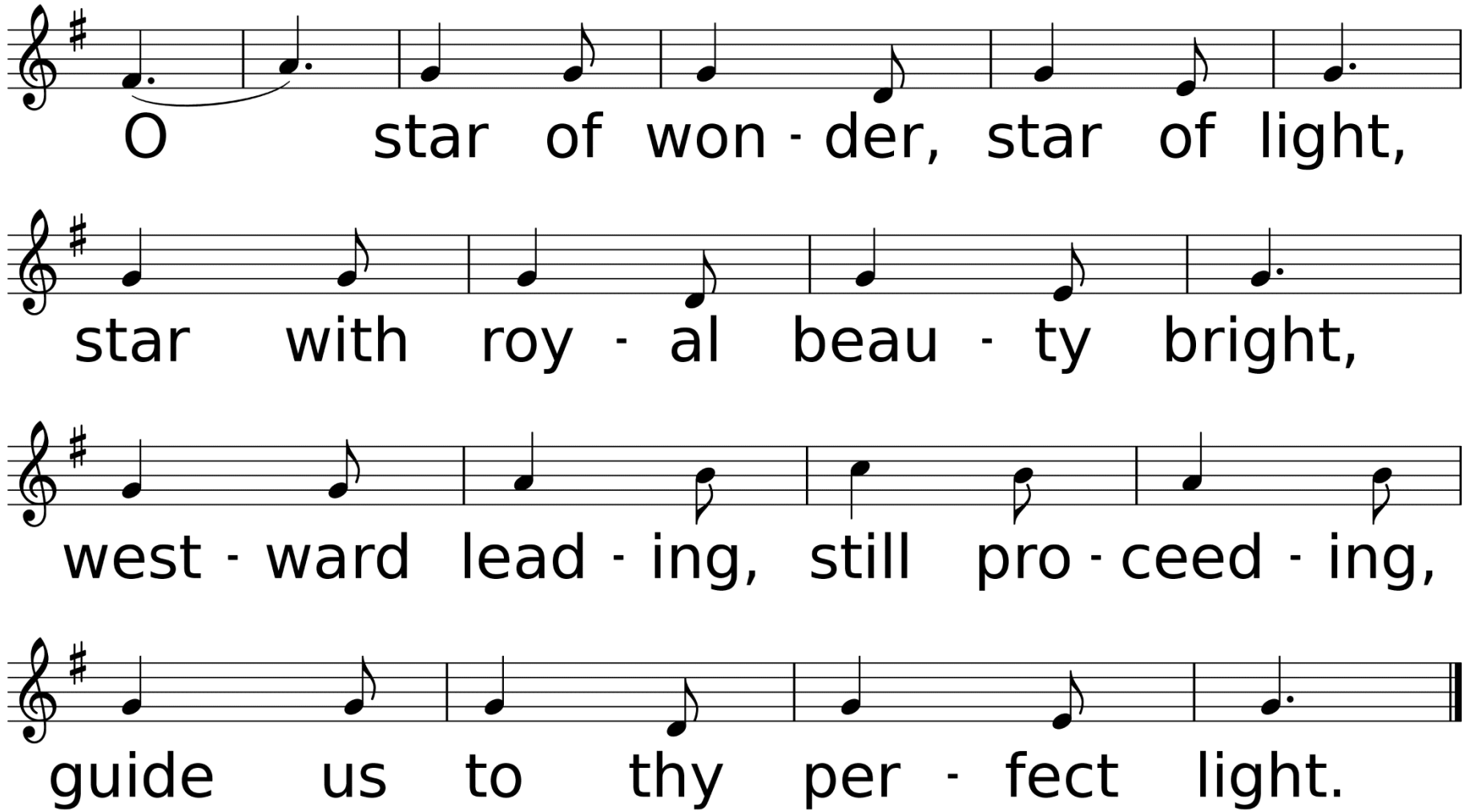

3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I;
in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing,
wor - ship - ing God on high.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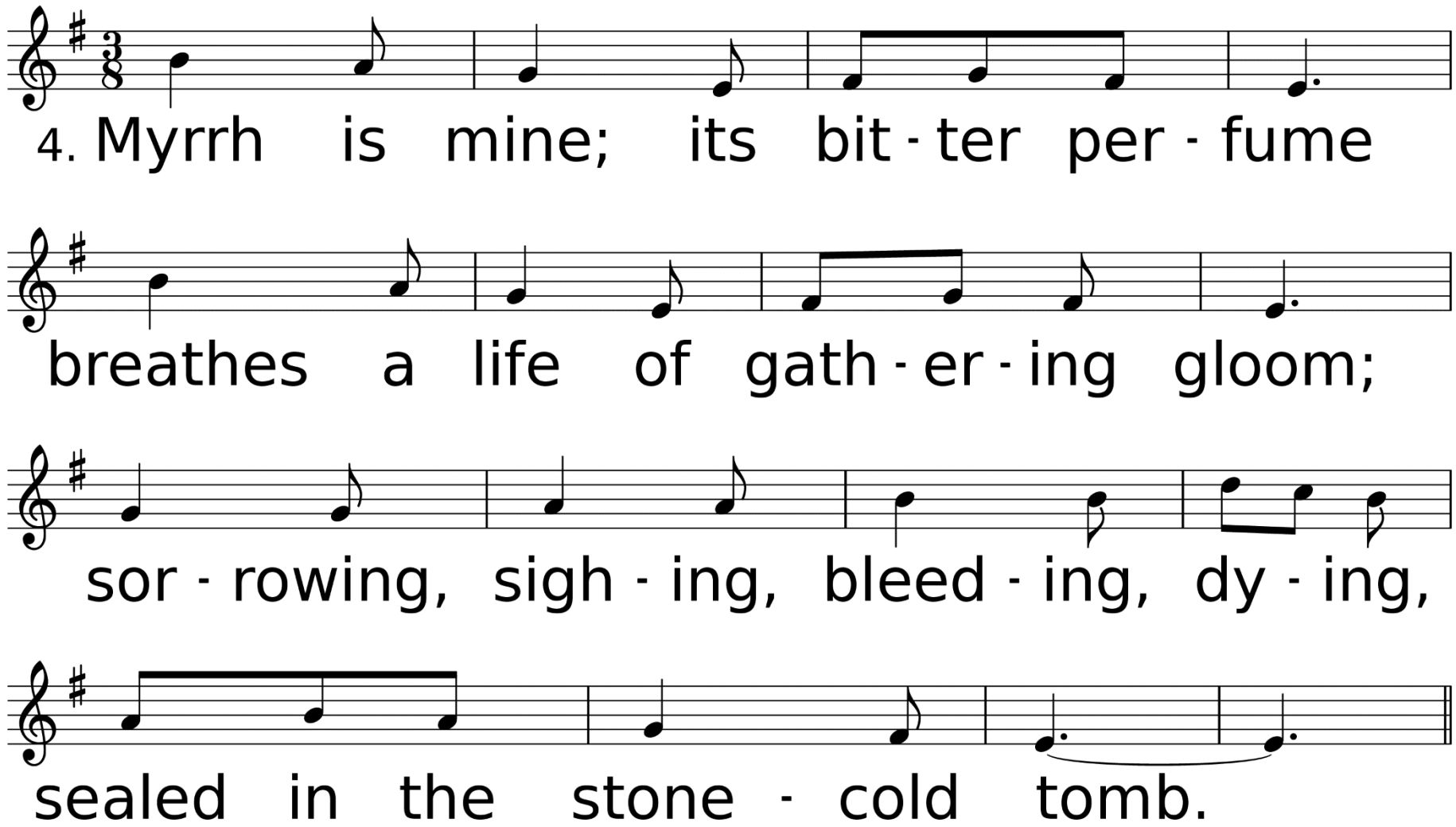
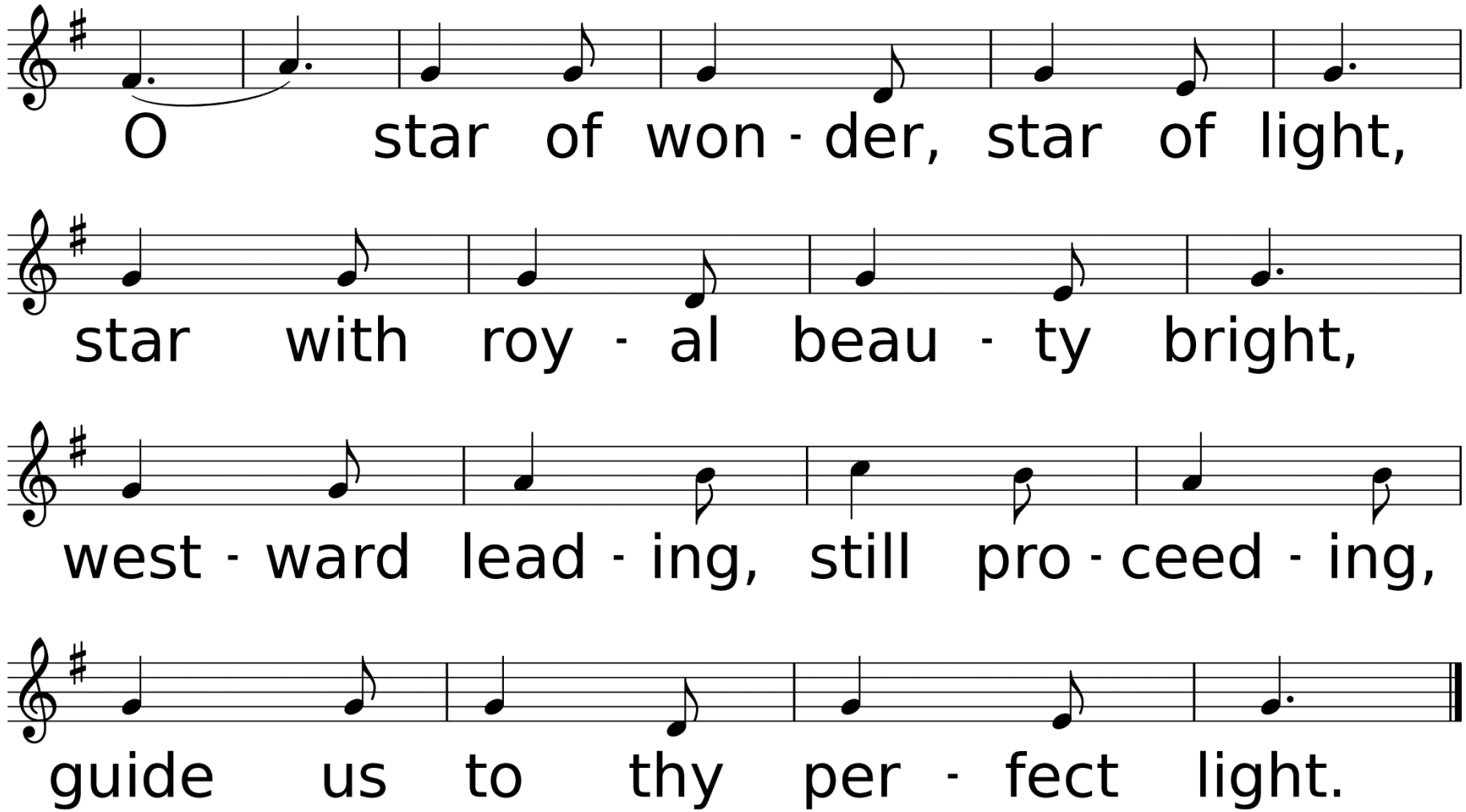

4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume
breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
sealed in the stone - cold tomb.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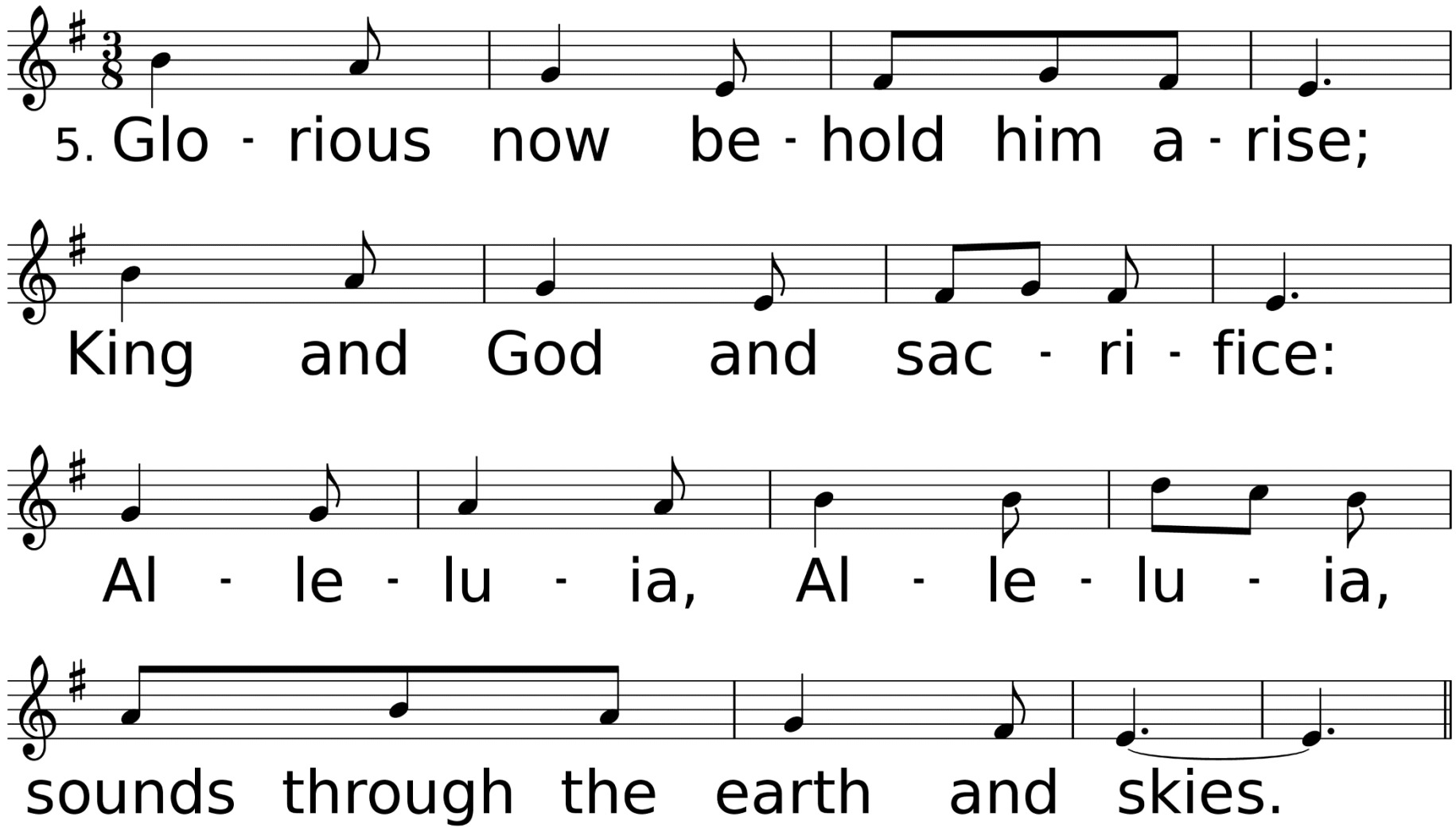
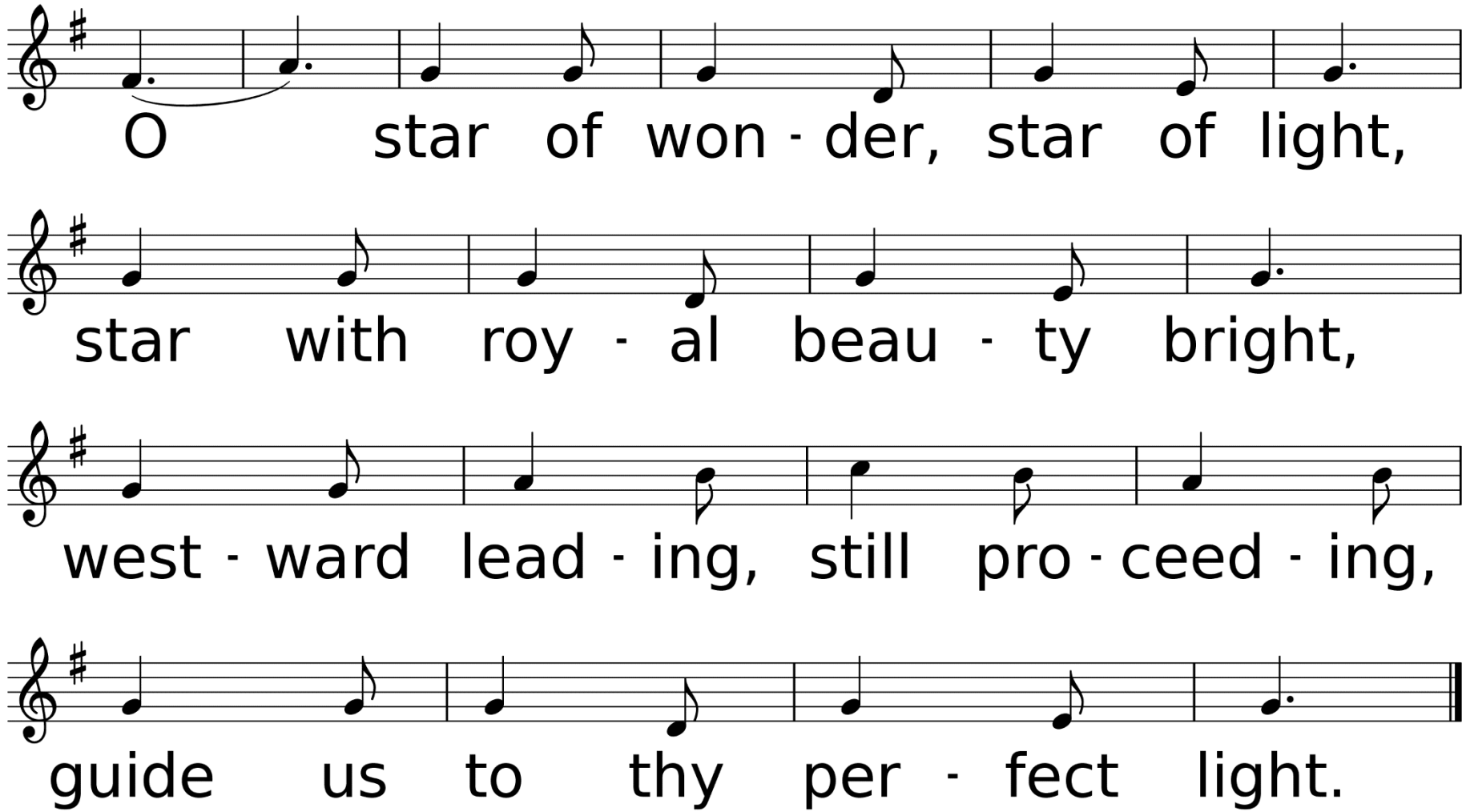

5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise;
King and God and sac - ri - fice:
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
sounds through the earth and skies.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Scripture Reading
Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

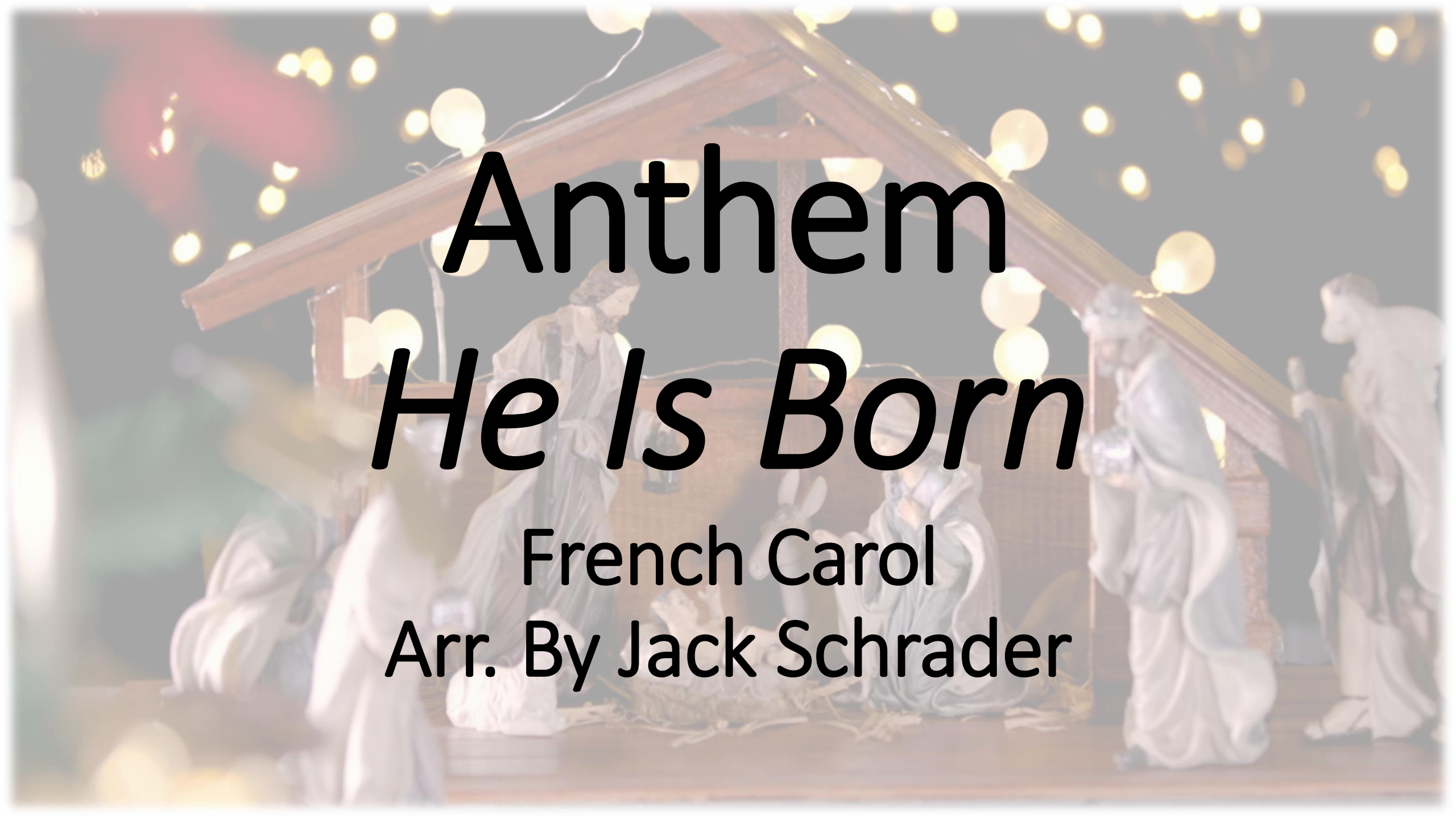
‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

“By A Different Road”

Guest Speaker: Louis Michiels



Anthem

He Is Born

French Carol

Arr. By Jack Schrader

*Hymn of Invitation

Away in a Manger

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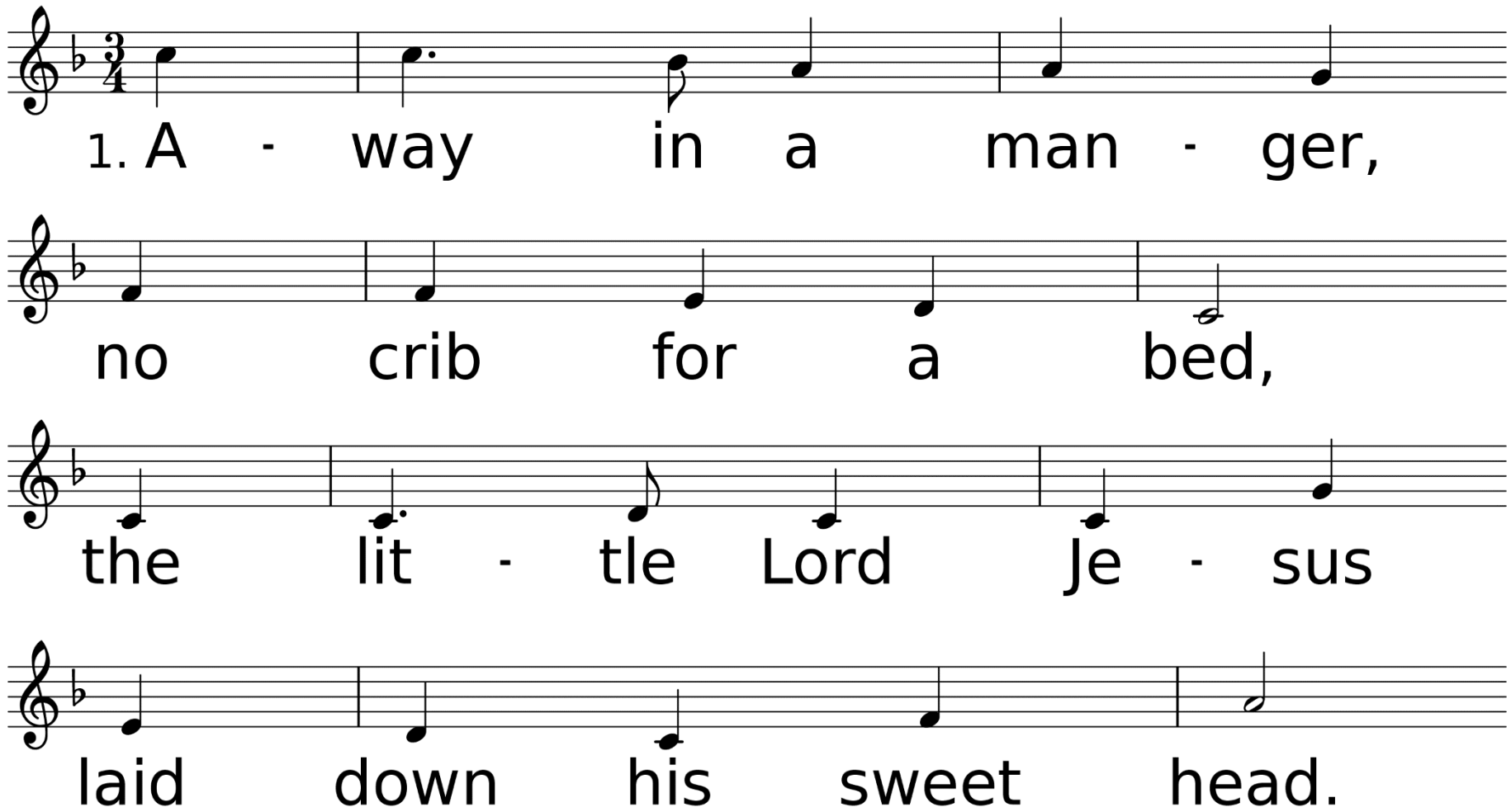

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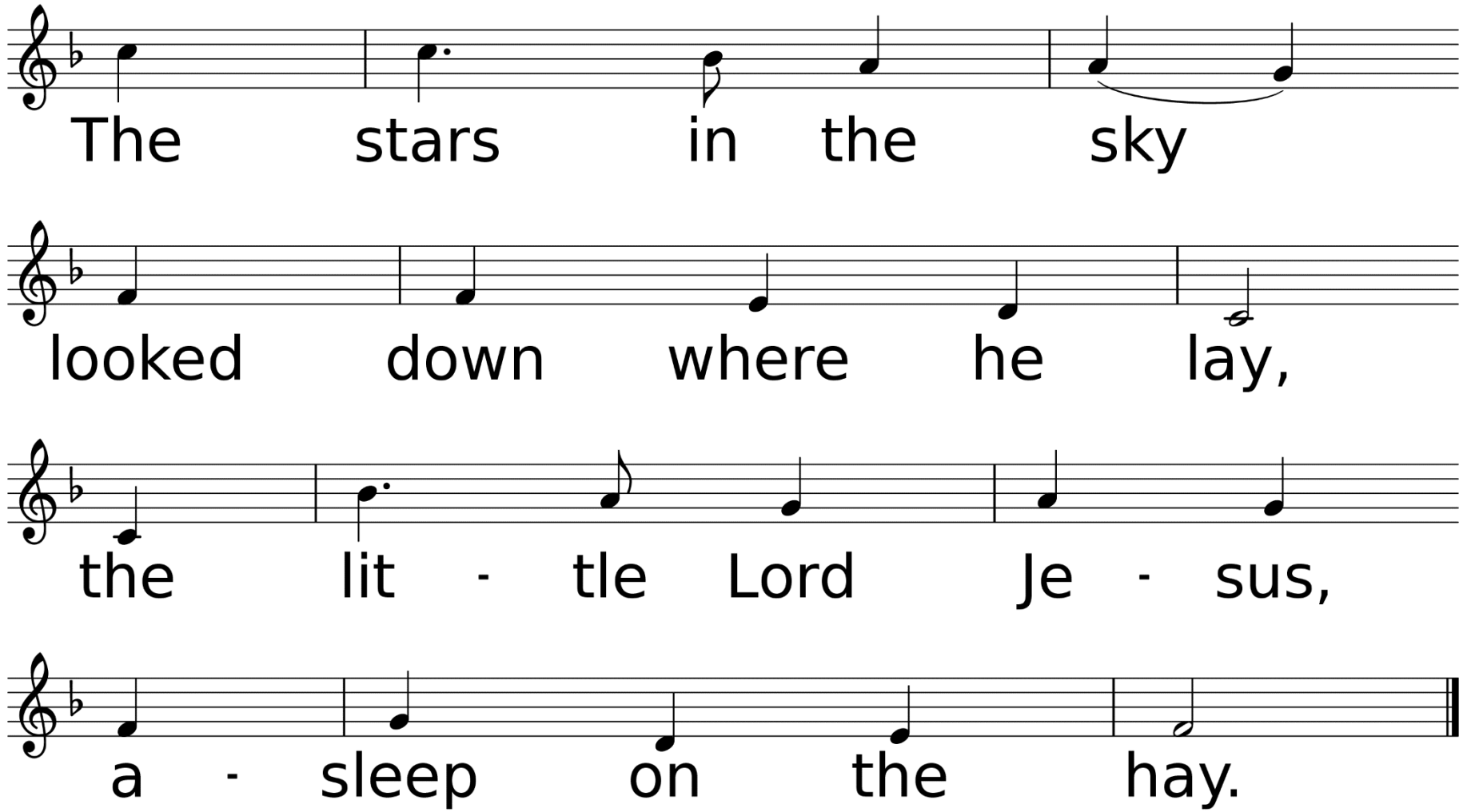
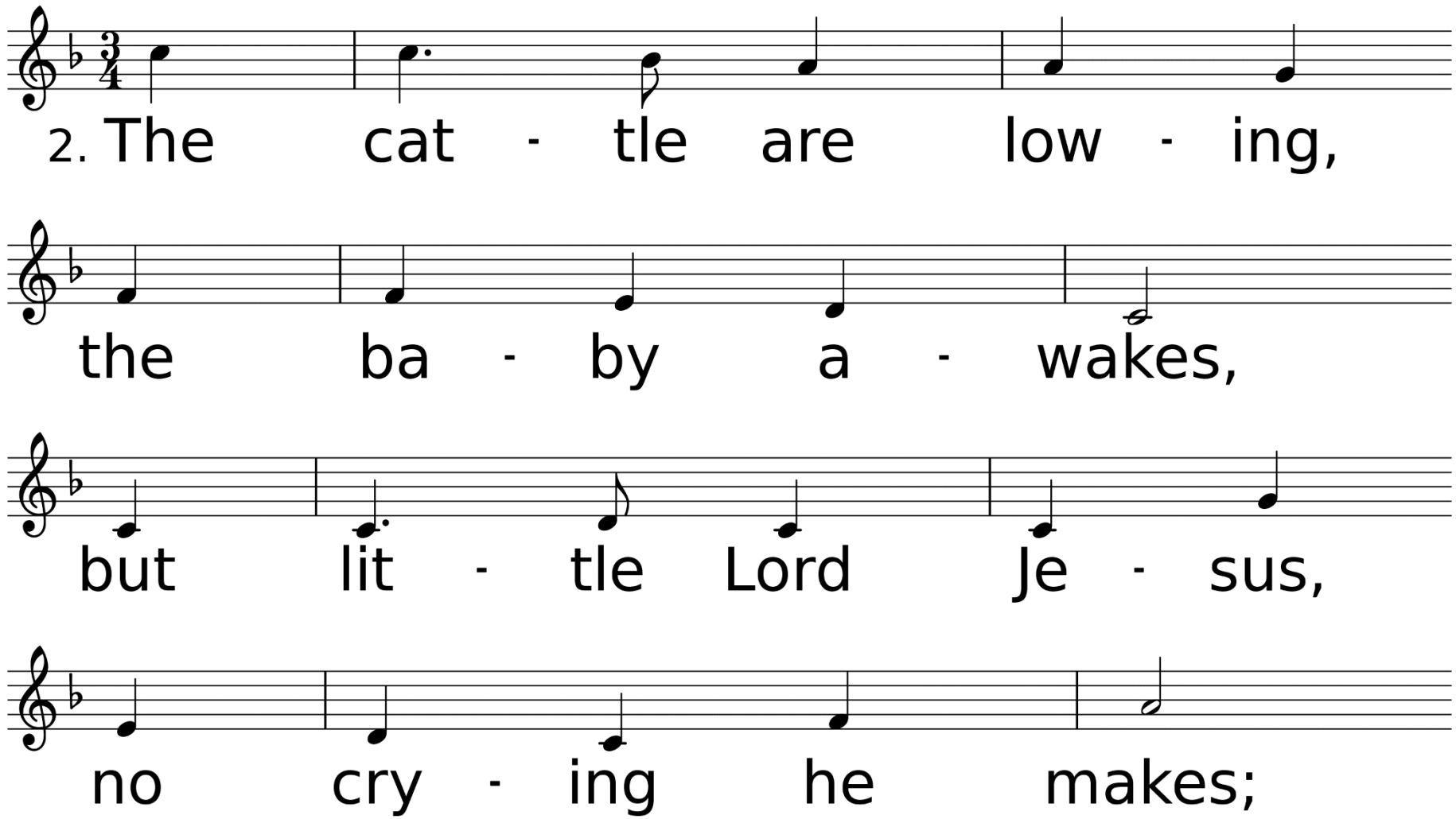
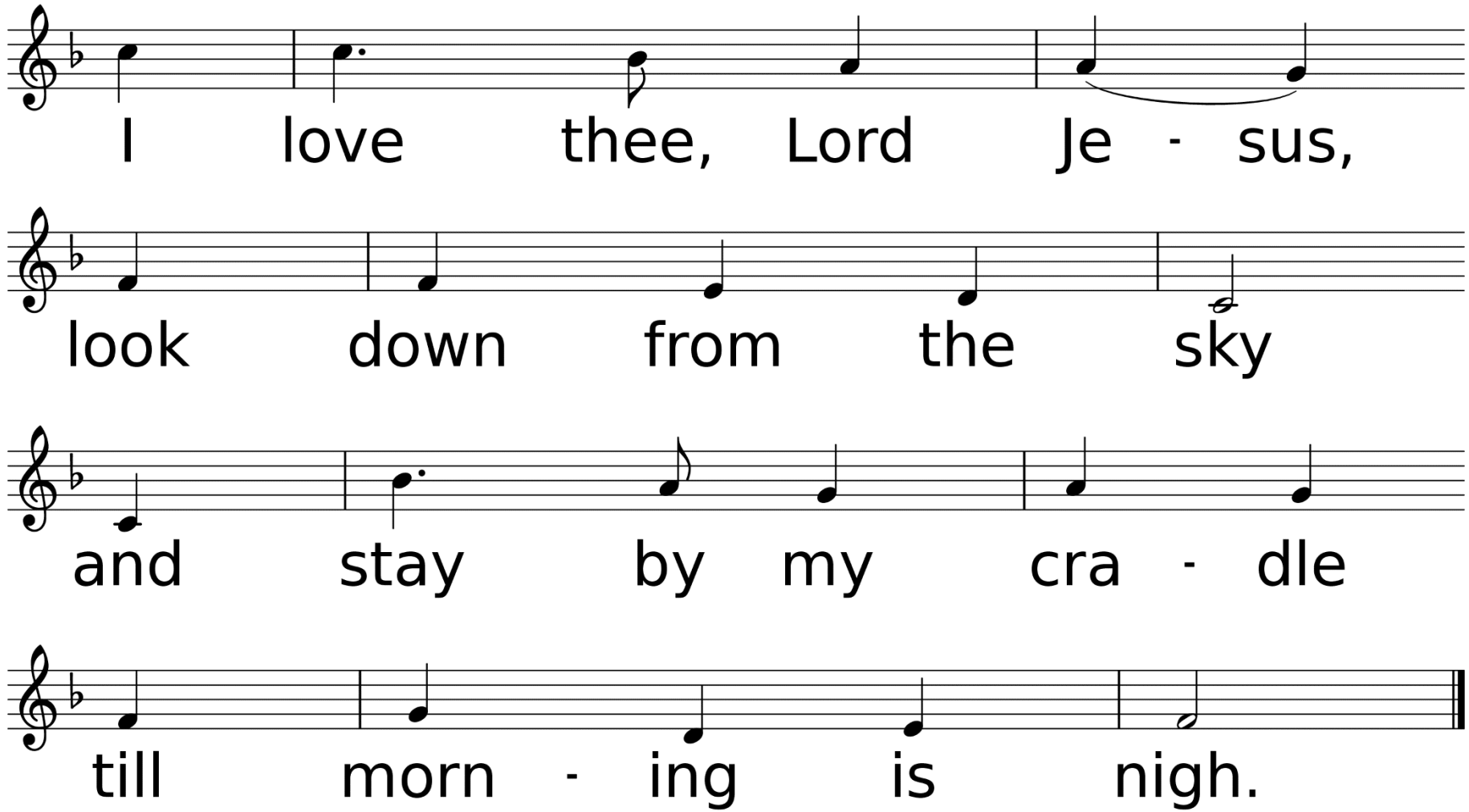
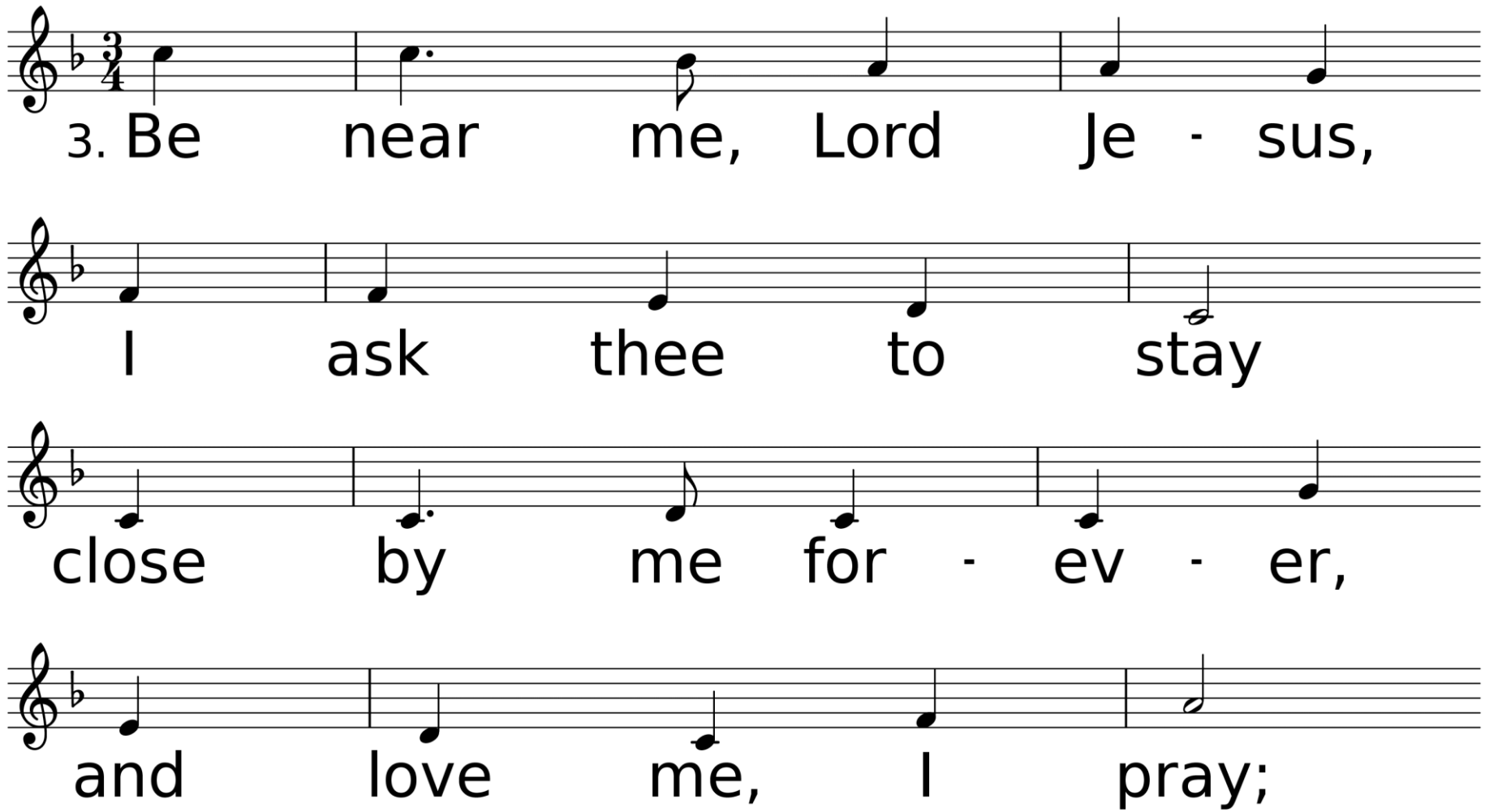
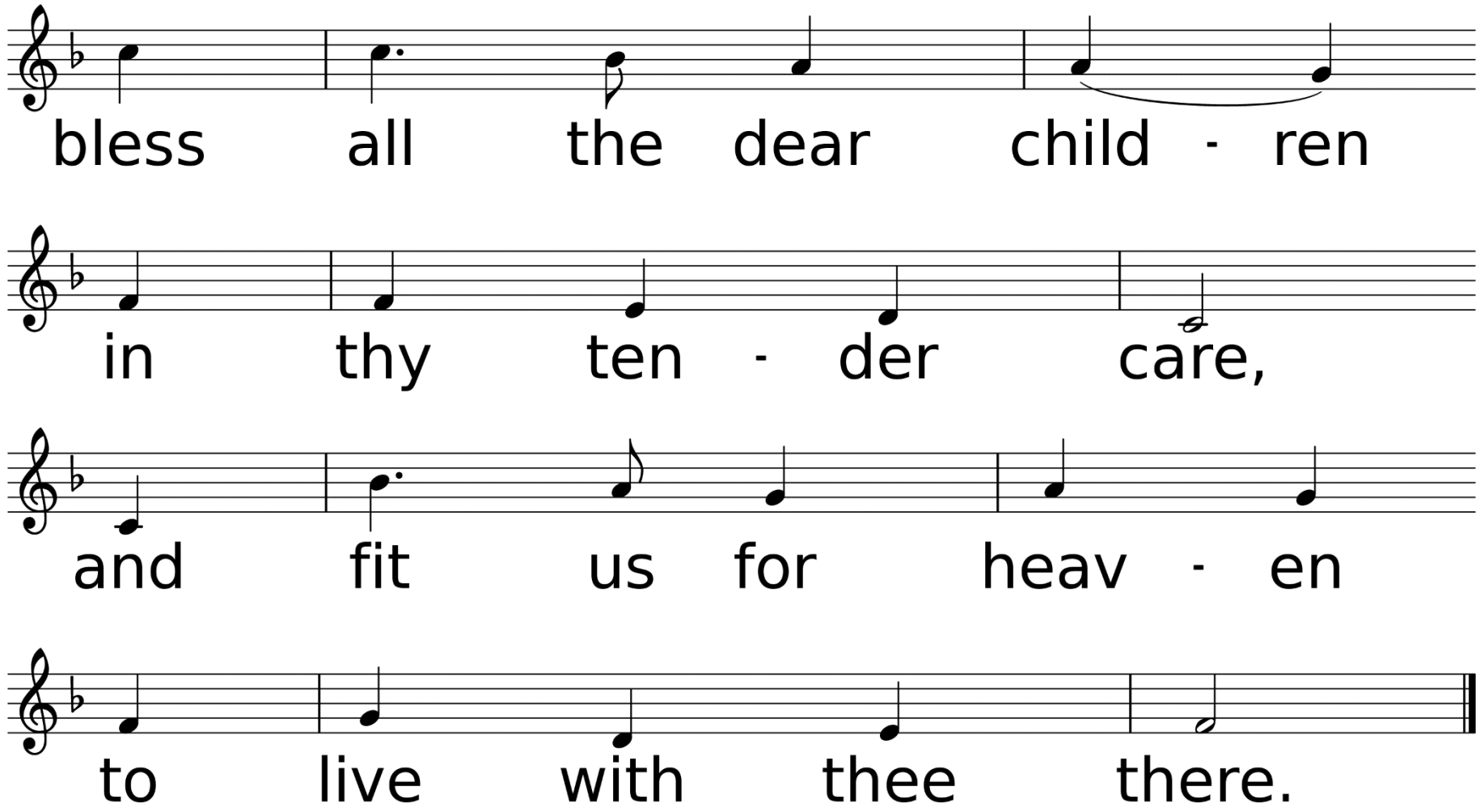
MUSIC (AWAY IN A MANGER 11 11.11 11): James R. Murray, 1887


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


2. The cat - tle are low - ing,
the ba - by a - wakes,
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus,
no cry - ing he makes;


I love thee, Lord Je - sus,
look down from the sky
and stay by my cra - dle
till morn - ing is nigh.


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.

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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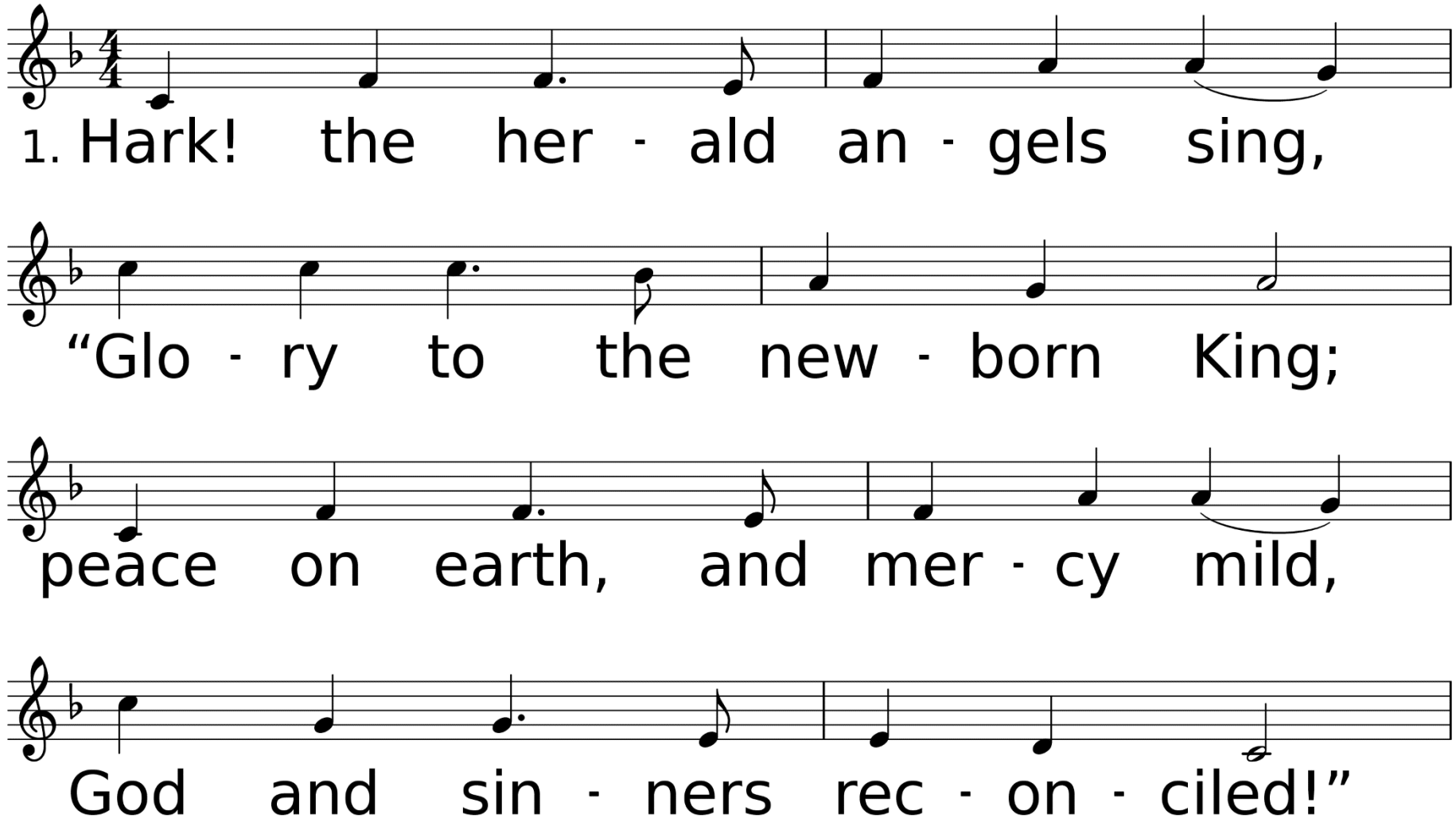
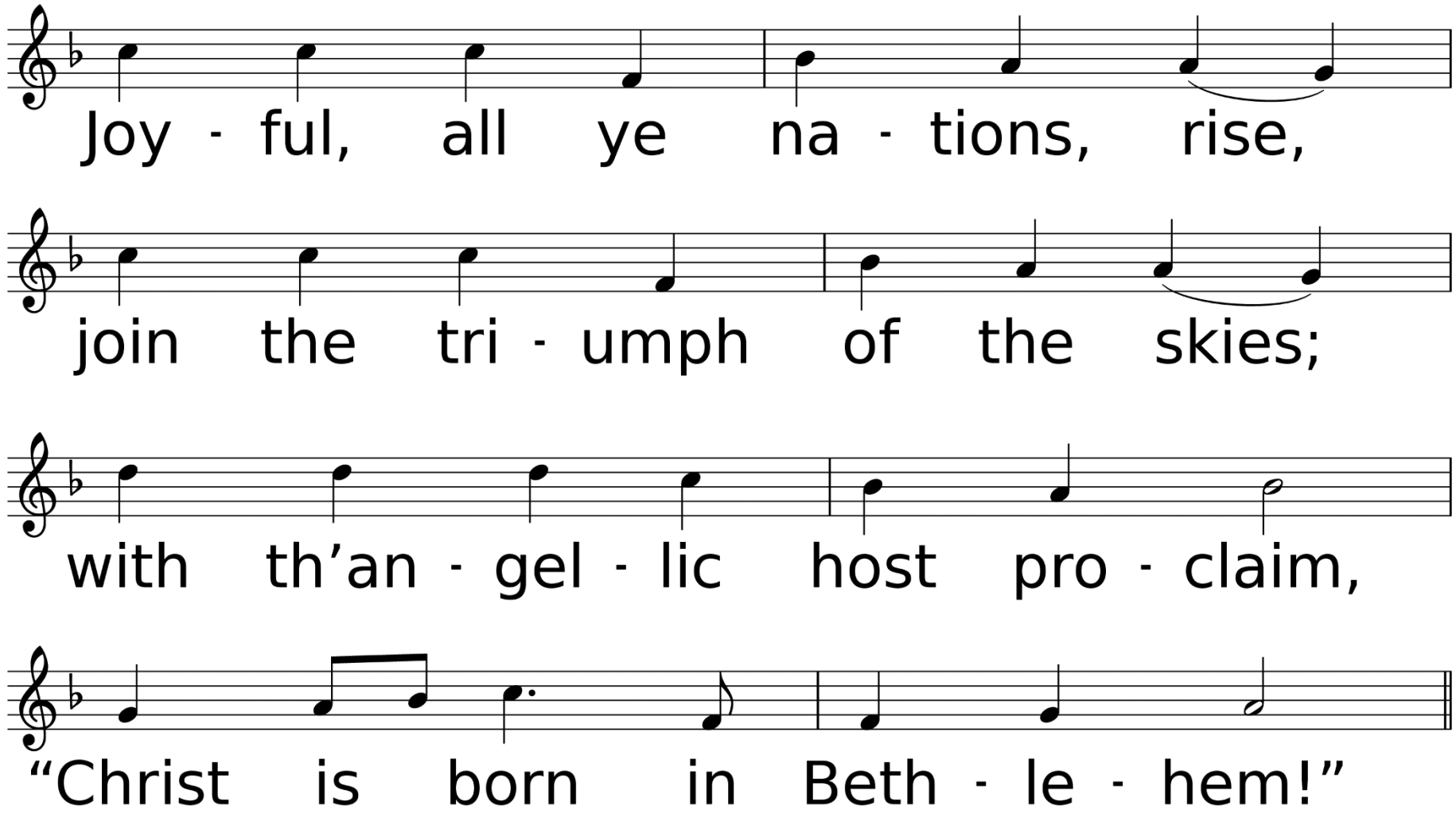
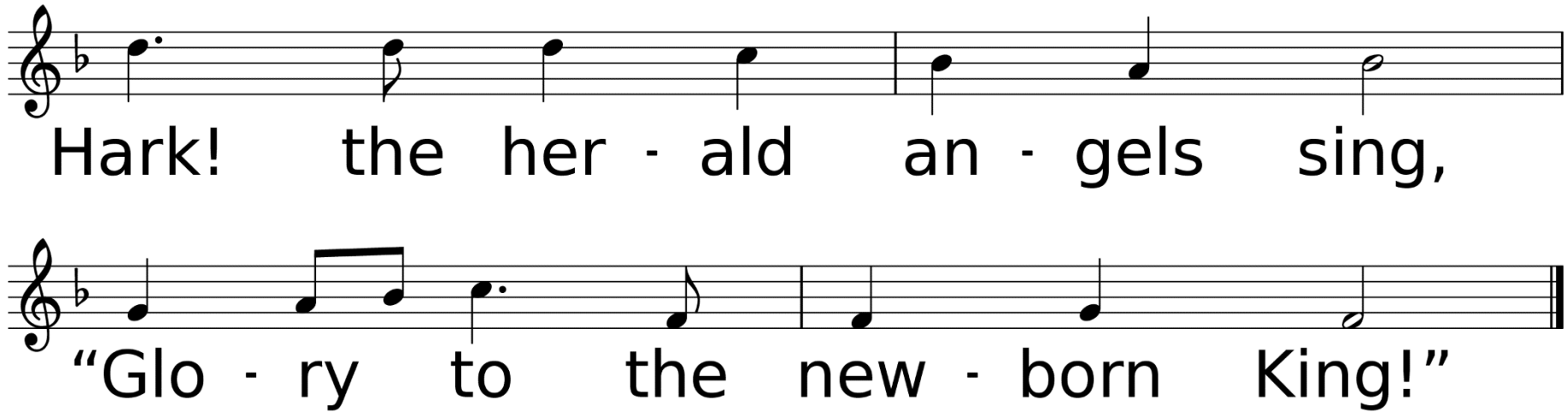
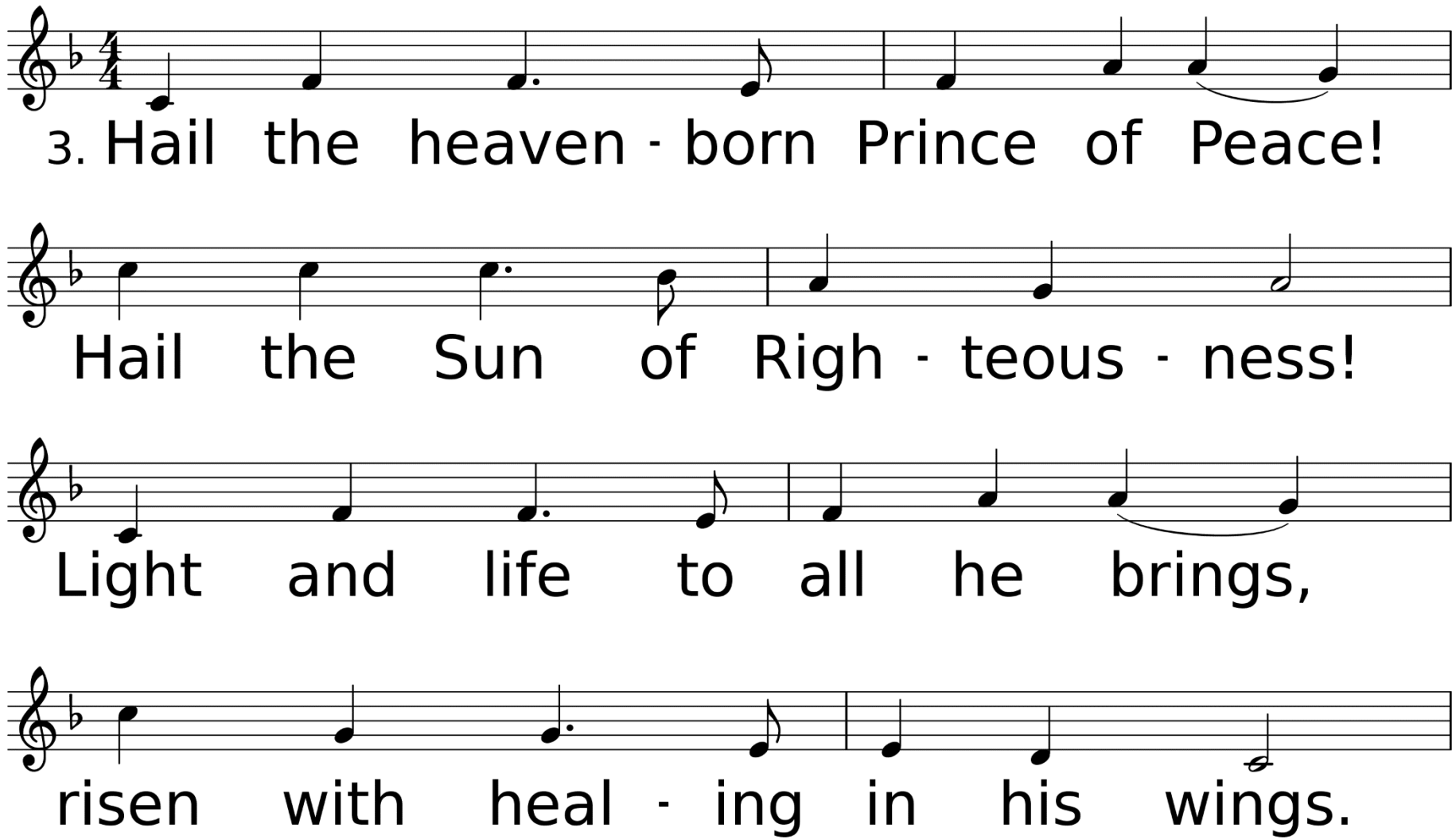
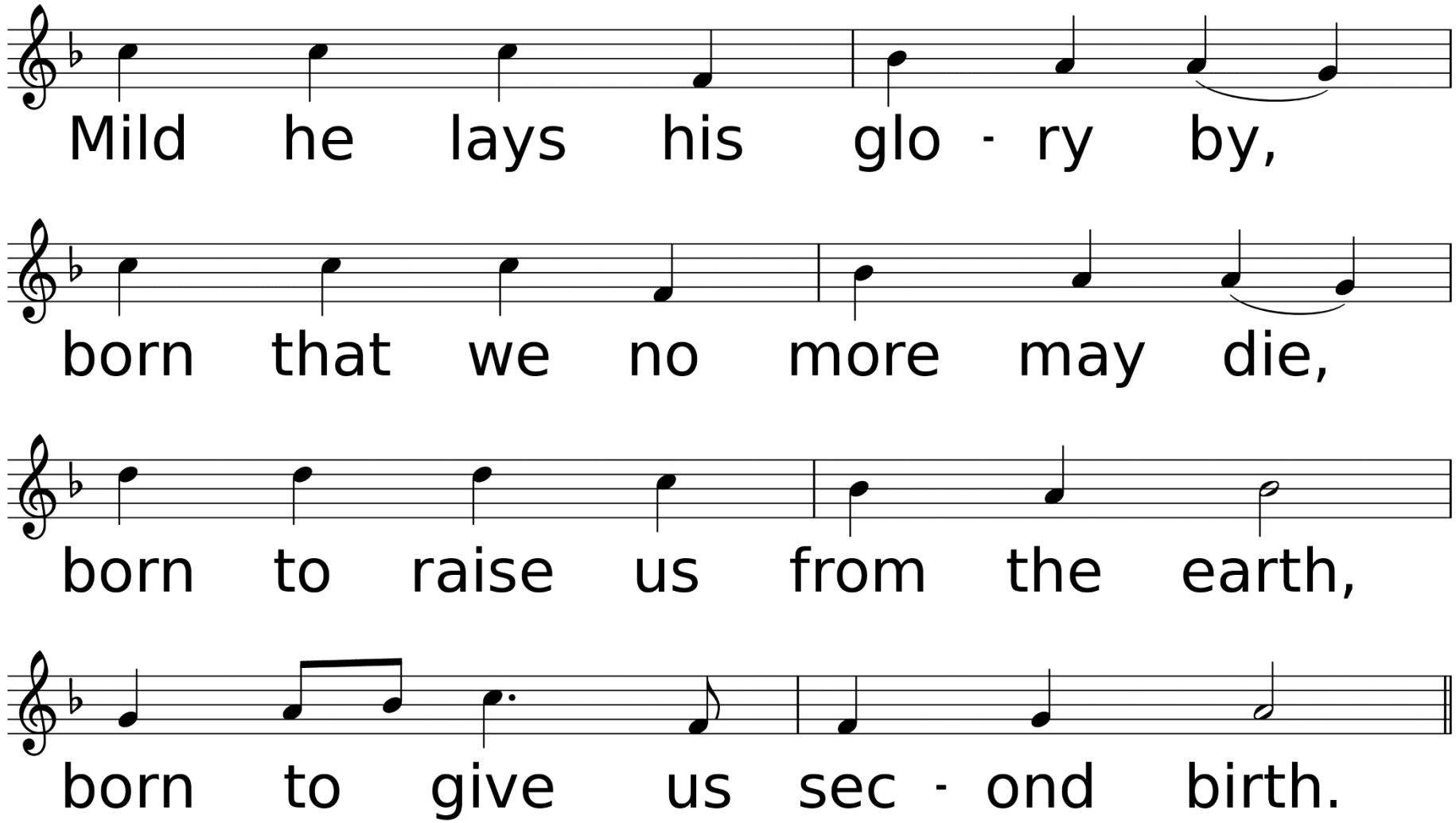


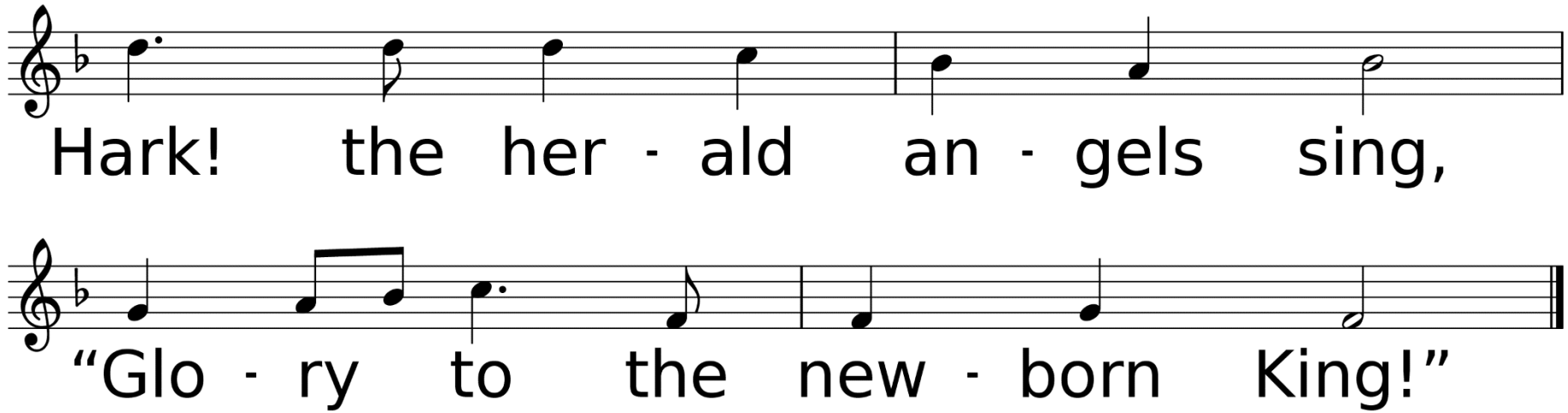
WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. by George Whitefield, 1753, and others (Lk. 2:8-14)
MUSIC (MENDELSSOHN 77.77 D with Refrain): Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856


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!"


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.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