

## Religious Music

# "Christians Awake Salute The Happy Morn"

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Christians, awake, salute the happy morn  
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born  
Rise to adore the mystery of love  
Which hosts of angels chanted from above  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice: "Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth  
To you and all the nations upon earth  
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word;  
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

He spake, and straightaway the celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire  
The praises of redeeming love they sang  
And heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang  
God's highest glory was their anthem still  
Peace upon earth and unto men goodwill.

To Bethlehem straight the shepherds ran  
To see the wonder God had wrought for man  
And found, with Joseph and the blessed Maid  
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid  
Amazed, the wondrous story they proclaim  
The earliest heralds of the Saviour's name.

Let us, like these good shepherds, them employ  
Our grateful voices to proclaim the joy  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss  
From His poor manger to His bitter cross  
Treading His steps, assisted by His grace  
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

Then may we hope, the angelic thrones among  
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song  
He that was born upon this joyful day  
Around us all His glory shall display  
Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing  
Of angels and of angel-men the King...

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