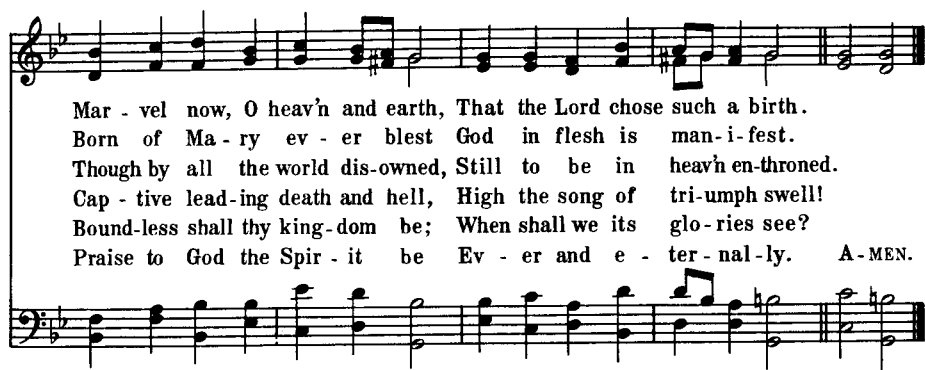


HIS BIRTH



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Born of Ma - ry ev - er blest God in flesh is man-i-fest.
 Though by all the world dis-owned, Still to be in heav'n en-throned.
 Cap - tive lead-ing death and hell, High the song of tri-umph swell!
 Bound-less shall thy king-dom be; When shall we its glo-ries see?
 Praise to God the Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal-ly. A-MEN.

St. 2, alt.

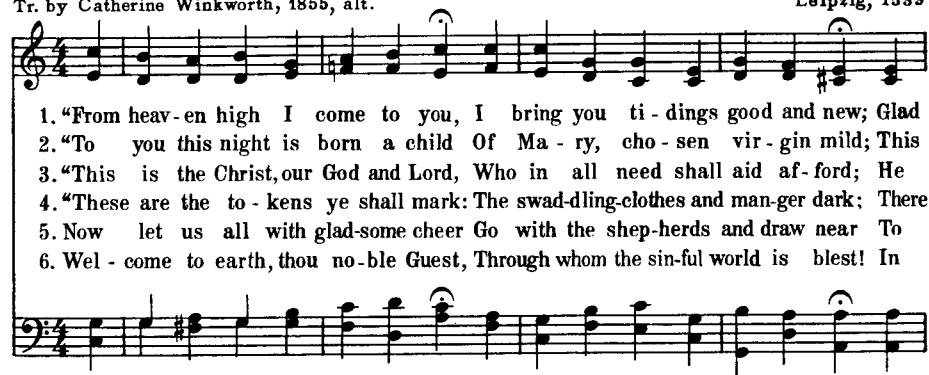
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*The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I
 bring you good tidings of great joy. . . Luke 2:10*

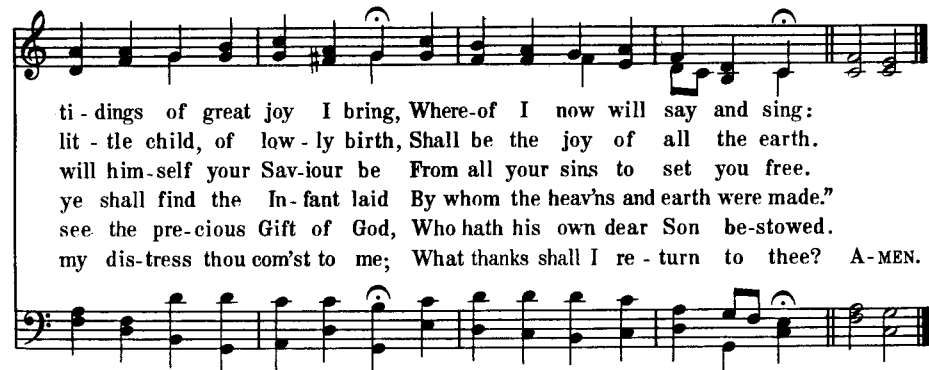
VOM HIMMEL HOCH L. M.
Geistliche Lieder,
 Leipzig, 1539

Martin Luther, 1535

Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855, alt.



1. "From heav-en high I come to you, I bring you ti-dings good and new; Glad
 2. "To you this night is born a child Of Ma - ry, cho - sen vir - gin mild; This
 3. "This is the Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid af-ford; He
 4. "These are the to - kens ye shall mark: The swad-dling-clothes and man-ger dark; There
 5. Now let us all with glad-some cheer Go with the shep-herds and draw near To
 6. Wel - come to earth, thou no-ble Guest, Through whom the sin-ful world is blest! In



ti-dings of great joy I bring, Where-of I now will say and sing:
 lit - tle child, of low - ly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth.
 will him-self your Sav-iour be From all your sins to set you free.
 ye shall find the In-fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."
 see the pre-cious Gift of God, Who hath his own dear Son be-stowed.
 my dis-tress thou com'st to me; What thanks shall I re - turn to thee? A-MEN.

St. 6, line 3, alt.

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