

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and trem-bling stand;
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, As of old on earth He stood,
 3. Rank on rank, the host of Heav-en Spreads its van-guard on the way
 4. At His feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with sleep-less eye,

Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly - mind-ed, For with bless-ing in His hand,
 Lord of lords, in hu-man ves-ture, In the bod-y and the blood,
 As the Light of light de-scend-eth From the realms of end-less day,
 Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence As with cease-less voice they cry:

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 Christ our God to earth de-scend - eth, Our full hom-age to de-mand.
 He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for Heav'n-ly food.
 That the pow'rs of Hell may van - ish As the dark-ness clears a - way.
 "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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