

19a. Hark! the herald-angels sing

Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
and others

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The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 4, 9, and 15 indicated at the beginning of their respective systems. The lyrics are as follows:

Hark! the he - rald - an - gels sing — glo - ry to the
Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, — Christ, the e - ver -
Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! — Hail the sun of
new-born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled;
last - ing Lord; Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb:
righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with hea - ling in his wings:
joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, join the triumph of the skies, with th'angel - ic host proclaim,
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! — Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, — born to raise the sons of earth,
Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem.
Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el. *Hark! the he - rald - an - gels sing glo - ry — to the new-born King.*
born to — give them se - cond birth: