

Cantique de Noël

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*Music:* Adolphe Charles Adam (1803–1856); *arr. by* G. B. H.

*Tune Name:* ‘la Marseillaise religieuse’

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1. Oh, ho - ly night, the stars are bright - ly shin - ing; It is the night of the dear Sav - ior's birth!

2. Led by the light of faith se - rene - ly beam - ing, With glow - ing hearts by His cra - dle we stand.

3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one a - noth - er; His law is love and His Gos - pel is peace.



Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin - ing, Till He ap - peared and the soul felt its worth.

So led by light of a star sweet - ly gleam - ing, Here came the wise men from O - ri - ent land.

Chains shall He break for the slave is our broth - er, And in His Name all op - pres - sion shall cease.



A thrill of hope, the wea - ry world re - joic - es, For yon - der breaks a new and glo - rious morn.

The King of kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger, In all our tri - als born to be our Friend!

Sweet hymns of joy in grate - ful cho - rus raise we, Let all with - in us praise His ho - ly name!



13 Fall on your knees, oh, hear the an - gel voic - es! Oh, night di - vine,

He knows our need— to our weak - ness is no stran - ger. Be - hold your King;

Christ is the Lord! Oh, praise His name for - ev - er! His pow'r and glo -



oh, night when Christ was born! Oh, night di - vine, oh, night, oh, night di - vine!

be - fore Him low - ly bend! Be - hold your King; be - fore Him low - ly bend!

ry ev - er - more pro - claim! His pow'r and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim!