From heaven above to earth I come

From heaven above to earth I come to bear good news to every home; glad tidings of great joy I bring, whereof I now will say and sing.

To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen mother mild; this little Child, of lowly birth, shall be the joy of all the earth.

Were earth a thousand times as fair, beset with gold and jewels rare, she yet were far too poor to be a narrow cradle, Lord, to thee.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, make thee a bed, soft undefiled, within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for thee.

'Glory to God in highest heaven who unto man his Son hath given,' while angels sing with pious mirth a glad new year to all the earth.

Welcome to earth, thou noble Guest, through whom e'en wicked men are blessed! Thou com'st to share our misery; what can we render, Lord, to thee?