

Hark! A Burst of Heavenly Music
Mary Meigs, 1869.
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Hark! a burst of heavenly music,
From a band of seraphs bright,
Suddenly to earth descending,
In the calm and silent night:
To the shepherds of Judea,
Watching in the earliest dawn,
Lo, they bear the joyful tidings,
Jesus, Prince of Peace, is born!
Sweet and clear those angel voices,
Echoing through the starry sky,
As they chant the heavenly chorus,
"Glory be to God on high!"

And this joyful Christmas morning
Breaking o'er the world below,
Tells again the wondrous story
Shepherds heard so long ago.
Who shall still our tuneful voices,
Who the tide of praise shall stem,
Which the blessed angels taught us
In the fields of Bethlehem?
Hark, we hear again the chorus,
Ringing through the starry sky;
And we join the heavenly anthem,
"Glory be to God on high!"