

Nowell! Nowell!

George Woodward, before 1917.

From a German chorale.

Nowell! Nowell! Good news I tell,

And eke a wonder story;

A virgin mild hath born a child,

Jesus the King of glory.

Ave Marie! O well is thee,

Thou daughter born of Anna.

Before thy Son, that holy One,

Archangels sang Osanna.

Then praise be sung and bells be rung,

To greet this kindly stranger;

Th'Ancient of Days, mankind to raise,

Abhorreth not the manger.