

Fear Not! the Angel Said
Carolyn Gillette, 1999.
Traditional English melody.

"Fear not!" the angel said, "God's joy is in the air!
Now go to Bethlehem and see a newborn baby there.
A Savior, yet a child! So young, and yet the Lord!"
God's grace astounds, God's love surrounds
This sinful, hurting world.

Fear not, you hungry child, you homeless refugee,
You battered woman, burdened down God came to set you free.
For God's own Son was poor; He cried and suffered, too.
God's grace astounds; God's love abounds
For people just like you.

Fear not when questions come: "How can I know God's way?"
"Do my possessions weigh me down?" "Can God change me today?"
For Jesus came to be true bread that satisfies;
And in his birth, God touched the earth.
Christ saves, forgives, and guides.

Fear not, you church of Christ, distracted and distressed,
For long ago in troubled times, Christ came, and we were blest.
Our Prince of Peace is born our light, our life, our song!
In him we see our unity,
In him God makes us strong.