

**On the Birthday of the Lord (Washburn)**  
**Words:** 14th Century Latin.  
**Music:** Friedrich Layriz (1808-1859).

On the birthday of the Lord,  
Angel choirs, with one accord,  
Joyous chant before the throne:  
Glory be to God alone!

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Lo! A virgin bore the Son,  
Christ she bore, the Holy One,  
Virgin ever undefiled.

Born is our Emmanuel,  
Gabriel did the wonder tell;  
Prophet eyes afar adored  
Him, the sole-begotten Word.

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Seraphs bring the gladsome tale,  
Shepherds sing o'er hill and vale  
Of the blessed Savior's birth,  
Sweetest news for all the earth.

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Hail the day, the happy morn;  
Hail the Child of Mary born;  
Born of God's o'ershadowing might,  
God of God, and Light of Light.

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See! the wise their gifts unfold,  
Incense, myrrh and royal gold;  
Kneeling to th'eternal King,  
Glory to our God they sing.

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