

- 1 Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er our plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echo still their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 2 Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your rapturous strain prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing:
Come, adore on bended knee
The infant Christ, the new-born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 4 See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
To celebrate our Saviour's birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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