

- 2. Suddenly round them shone, dazzling to look upon, splendours of light; then drew an angel near, and, to allay their fear, poured on their ravished ear words of delight!
- 3. Ne'er, since the world began, music so sweet to man sounded abroad;on that auspicious morn, changing our state forlorn,Christ as a babe was born,Jesus the Lord!
- 4. Well might the tidings told waken your harps of gold, chorus unseen!Sweet rang your minstrelsy, "Glory to God on high!""Peace on earth," amnesty, "good will towards men!"
- 5. Well might the shepherds haste, ere yet the night was past, that thing to see; where light the meteor shed well might the Magi tread, joyful, the path that led, Saviour, to thee!
- 6. Infant of Bethlehem!Now do I seek, like them,thy mean abode;there in thy strange disguisethee do I recognize,Maker of earth and skies,Almighty God!

- 7. Mysteries so deep deter nature's proud reasoner, scorning God's word: thee, whom the Father seals, he to thy seed reveals; each to his mandate kneels "Thus saith the Lord."
- 8. "Wonderful, Counsellor!"
 thee whom the Virgin bore,
 thee I receive;
 God ere the world began,
 perfect God, perfect man –
 mystery too deep to scan –
 this I believe.
- 9. Lo, at thy feet I lay, giving myself away, all that is mine; treasures I none unfold, frankincense, myrrh, or gold, one sinful heart behold, take it for thine.
- 10, Father! thy love I bless,who in our deep distressgavest thy Son!Saviour! I thee adore,Spirit! thine unction pour;thee I praise evermore,great three in One!

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