

# Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

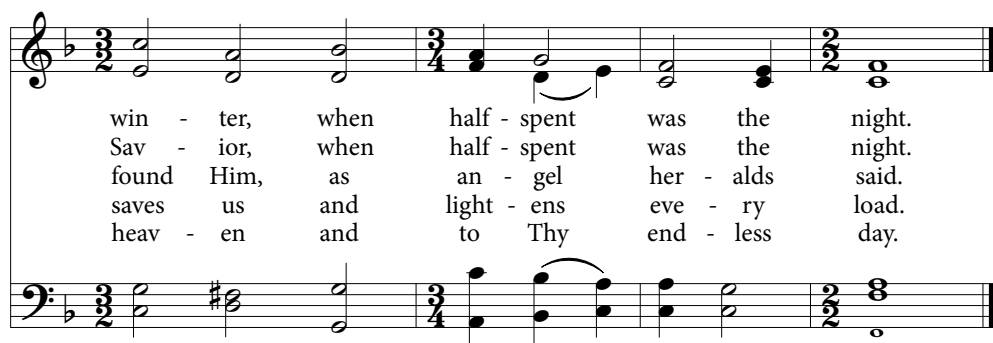
*Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.  
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding... Isaiah 11:1-2*

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the  
3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro -  
4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with  
5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who

ten - der stem hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage  
rose I have in mind; with Mar - y we be -  
claimed by an - gels bright, how Christ, the Lord of  
sweet - ness fills the air, dis - pels with glo - rious  
felt our hu - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of

com - ing, as men of old have sung. It  
hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind. To  
glo - ry was born on earth this night. To  
splen - dor the dark - ness eve - ry - where. True  
glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness know, bring

came, a flow - er bright, a - mid the cold of  
show God's love a - right, she bore for us a  
Beth - le - hem they sped and in the man - ger  
man, yet ver - y God; from sin and death He  
us at last, we pray, to the bright courts of



Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.