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The First Noel* #136

"There were shepherds...in the field...keeping watch over the flocks" Lk 2:8

Traditional English Carol

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they, lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest Over Bethlehem it took its rest And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King Born is the King Born is the King of Israel!

O Little Town of Bethlehem #141

"Bethlehem...out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel" Mic 5:2

Phillip Brooks

O little town of Bethlehem; How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by Yet in the dark street shineth, the everlasting Light The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep; Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together - proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently; The wondrous Gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem; Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* #128

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them" Lk 2:9

Edmund Sears

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.

O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing. which now the angels sing.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #133

"The heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God." Lk 2:13

Traditional French Carol

Hark! the herald angels sing:

"Glory to the newborn King!

Peace on earth and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled"

Joyful, all ye nations rise

Join the triumph of the skies

With angelic hosts proclaim:

"Christ is born in Bethlehem"

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored

Christ, the everlasting Lord!

Late in time behold Him come

Offspring of a virgin's womb

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail th'incarnate Deity

Pleased as man with men to dwell

Jesus, our Emmanuel

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings

Ris'n with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by

Born that man no more may die

Born to raise the sons of earth

Born to give them second birth

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Luke 2:1-21 – English Standard Version (ESV)

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying

that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Offering: One Small Child* #164

"She gave birth to a Son, a male Child, who will rule all the nations." Rev. 12:5

David Meece

One small Child in a land of a thousand
One small dream of a Savior tonight
One small hand reaching out to the starlight
One small city of life -- Oh!

One king bringing his gold and riches
One King ruling an army of might
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight
One King bringing us life -- Oh!

See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him See Him smiling in the stall See His mother praising His Father See His tiny eyelids fall

One small light from the flame of a candle
One small light from a city of might
One small light from the stars in the endless night
One small light from a face – Oh!

See the shepherds kneeling before Him See the kings on bended knee See His mother praising His Father See the Blessed Infant sleep

One small Child in a land of a thousand
One small dream of a Savior tonight
One small hand reaching out to the starlight
One small city of life -- Oh!

Today's Message

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Text: Luke 2:1-21

King of Kings

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..." Rom 1:16

Jason Ingram, Brooke and Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath 'Til that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored And the church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
Praise forever to the King of Kings