

# We've Been Told a Joyful Thing

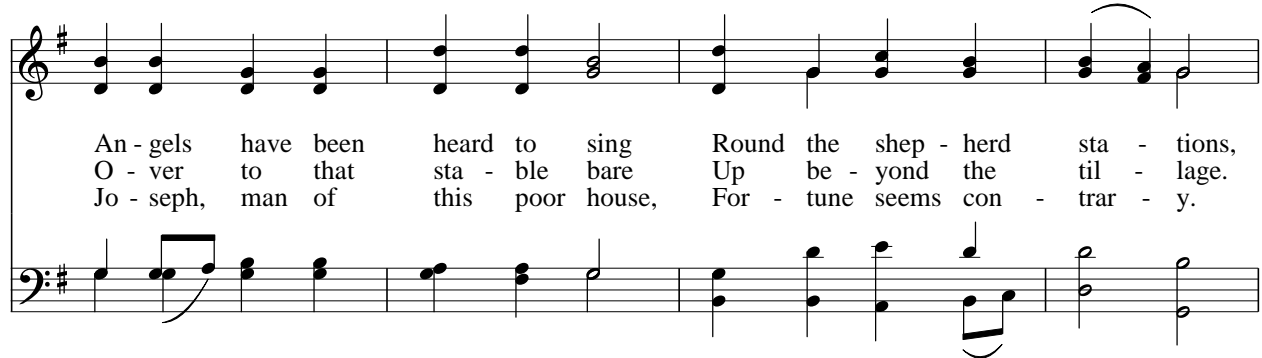
Old French carol from Besançon

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1. We've been told a joy - ful thing, News for all the na - tions.  
2. Up and get you quick - ly there Folk of field and vil - lage!  
3. So we come to pay our vows: Hail! God save thee, Ma - ry!



An - gels have been heard to sing Round the shep - herd sta - tions,  
O - ver to that sta - ble bare Up be - yond the til - lage.  
Jo - seph, man of this poor house, For - tune seems con - trar - y.



One in - toned the "Glo - ri - a," O - thers "Al - le - lu - i - a";  
There you'll find a Ba - by born Old be - fore His mo - ther's morn  
Let us look on Christ the Lord, That was sure the an - gel's word.



Peace to all things hu - man; War no more for true man.  
Young with dew-y splen - dor Of par - ent stem so ten -  
Swath - èd in a man - ger, Wel - come, Ho - ly Stran - ger!