

# The Angels' Song

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*legato* *Prelude*

*Portamento*

1. The  
2. A  
3. The

The first system of the score consists of three staves: a vocal line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time, a piano accompaniment in the right hand, and a piano accompaniment in the left hand. The vocal line begins with a *legato* *Prelude* marked with a 4/4 time signature. It features several triplet figures and concludes with a *Portamento* effect. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics '1. The', '2. A', and '3. The' are listed to the right of the vocal staff.

sheep lay on the grass-y plains, The night was calm and clear; The  
lit - tle Child was born to-day, God's gift from Heav'n a - bove; Sent  
mes - sage of good - will to men The an - gels sang that night, Is

The second system of the score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes the lyrics: "sheep lay on the grass-y plains, The night was calm and clear; The lit - tle Child was born to-day, God's gift from Heav'n a - bove; Sent mes - sage of good - will to men The an - gels sang that night, Is". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines, including some slurs and accents.

shep - herds bent their heads to catch The mu - sic draw - ing near. The  
down to save the earth from sin, To teach all men to love. Peace,  
ring - ing still thro' all the earth, And mak - ing dark - ness light. Sing,

*legato*

The third system of the score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes the lyrics: "shep - herds bent their heads to catch The mu - sic draw - ing near. The down to save the earth from sin, To teach all men to love. Peace, ring - ing still thro' all the earth, And mak - ing dark - ness light. Sing,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines, including some slurs and accents. The system concludes with a *legato* marking and a change in time signature to 6/8.

sky grew bright with won - drous light, The air was filled with song... That  
 peace, to men, for Love is born! Was ev - er song more sweet? Peace,  
 child - ren, and re - peat the song That thro' the star - light rang; Sing,

came from Heaven to earth that night From white-robed an - gel throng.  
 peace to men! The song of joy The grass-y hills re - peat.  
 sing of joy and peace and love, The song the an - gels sang.