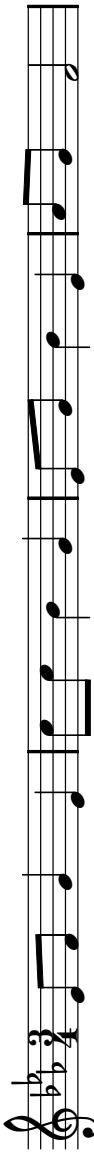
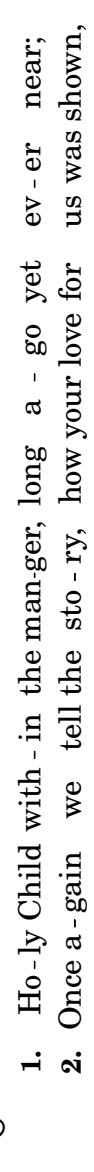


Martin Luther says: “Not only with the shepherds two thousand years ago,
but here today, with you and me.”

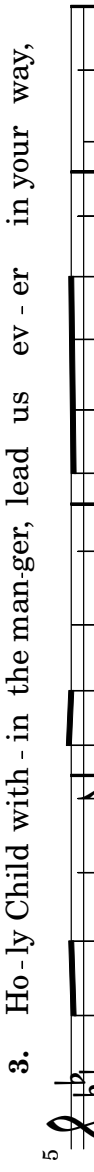
Everyone sings verses 1 and 2, then lines up to walk out, singing verse 3:



1. Ho-ly Child with-in the man-ger, long a-go yet ev-er near;



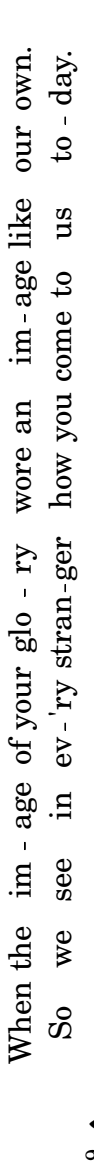
2. Once a-gain we tell the sto-ry, how your love for us was shown,



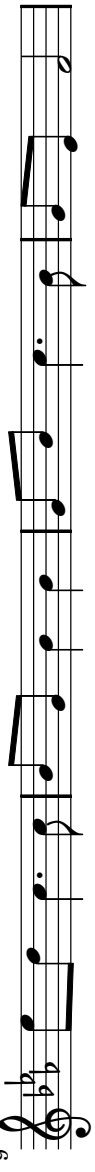
3. Ho-ly Child with-in the man-ger, lead us ev-er in your way,



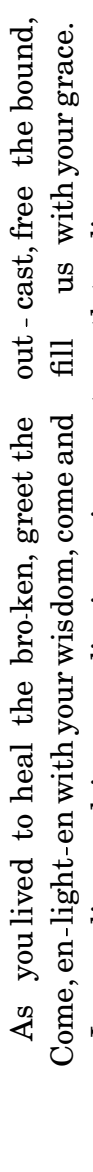
Come as friend to ev-'ry stran-ger, come as hope for ev-'ry fear.



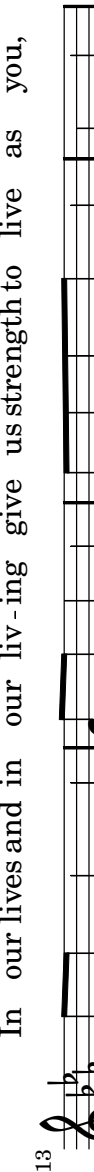
When the im-age of your glo-ry wore an im-age like our own.



So we see in ev-'ry stran-ger how you come to us to-day.



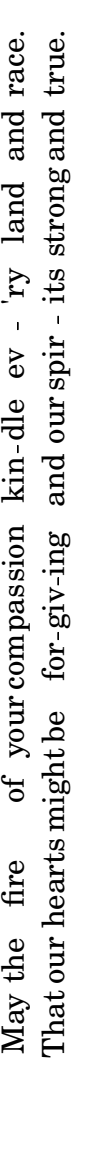
As you lived to heal the bro-ken, greet the out-cast, free the bound,



Come, en-light-en with your wis-dom, come and fill us with your grace.



In our lives and in our liv-ing give us strength to live as you,



As you taught us love un-spoken, teach us now where you are found.



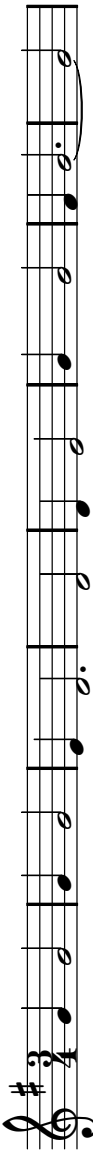
May the fire of your compassion kin-dle ev-'ry land and race.



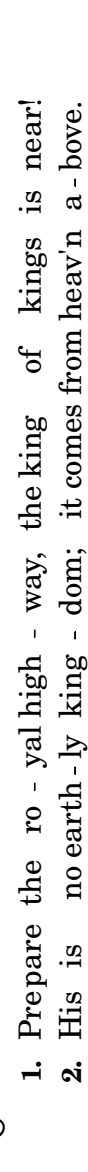
That our hearts might be for-giv-ing and our spir-its strong and true.

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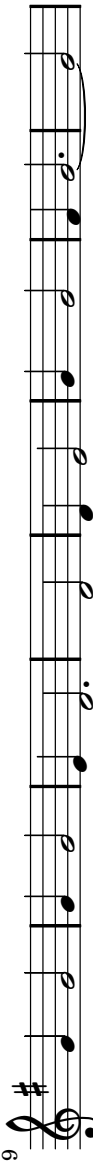
Walk in following John and everyone sing:



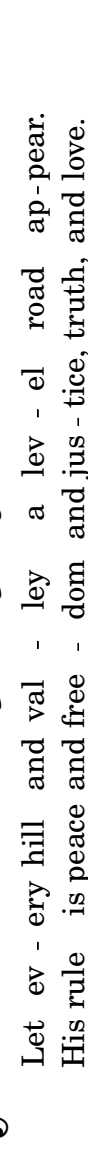
1. Prepare the ro-yal high-way, the king of kings is near!



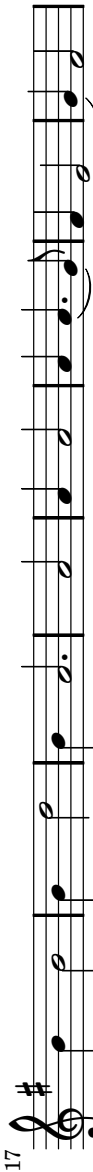
2. His is no earth-ly king-dom; it comes from heav'n a-bove.



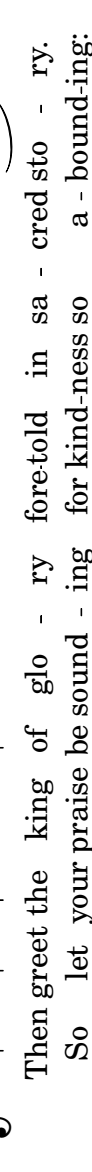
Let ev-ery hill and val-ley a lev-el road ap-pear.



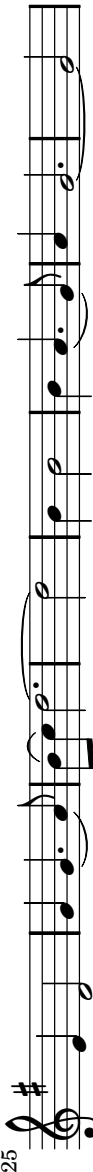
His rule is peace and free-dom and jus-tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the king of glo-ry foretold in sa-cred sto-ry.



So let your praise be sound-ing for kind-ness so a-bound-ing:

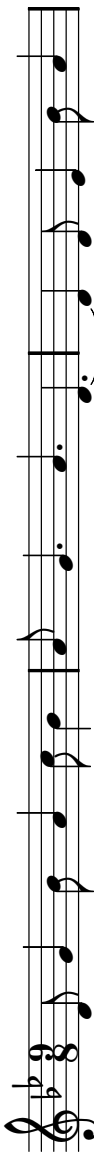


Ho-san-na to the Lord, for he ful-fills God's Word!

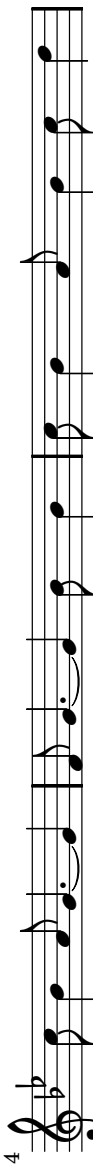


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The company sits as a soloist sings verses 1–3, then all join on verse 4:



4. Of her, Em-man-u-el, the Christ, was born In Beth-le-hem



all on a Christ-mas morn, And Chris-tian folk through-out the world



will ev-er say: "Most highly fa-vored la-dy," Glo-ri-a!

Luke says: “We should always remember that God chose to announce Jesus’ birth to humble shepherds first.”

Then Everyone stand and sing all three verses:

1. A - way in a man - ger no crib for his bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
3. Be near me Lord Je - sus, I ask you to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky— looked down where he lay,
I love you Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
Bless all the dear child - ren with your ten - der care,
13 The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And fit us for hea - ven to live with you there.

Angels stand when Luke says: “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:”

Angels says: **“Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth,”** 
An angel sings verses 1-2, then everyone joins:

3. Look, look, dear friends, look ov - er there!
4. "Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n,
What lies with - in that man - ger bare?
Who un - to us his Son has giv'n."

Who is that love-ly lit-tle one? The ba - by Je-sus, God's dear Son.
With an-gels sing in pi-ous mirth: A glad new year to— all— the earth!