

As on the Night Before

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1. As on the night be - fore this hap-py morn, A bless-èd an - gel un-to shep-herds
2. This fa-vor Christ vouch-saf - èd for our sake; To buy us thrones, He in a man-ger



told, Where in a sta - ble He was poor - ly born, Whom nor the
lay; Our weak-ness took, that we His strength might take, And was dis-



earth nor Heav'n of Heav'n's can hold. Thro' Beth-l'em rang this news at their re-turn;
- robed, that He might us ar - ray; Our flesh He wore, our sins to wear a - way;

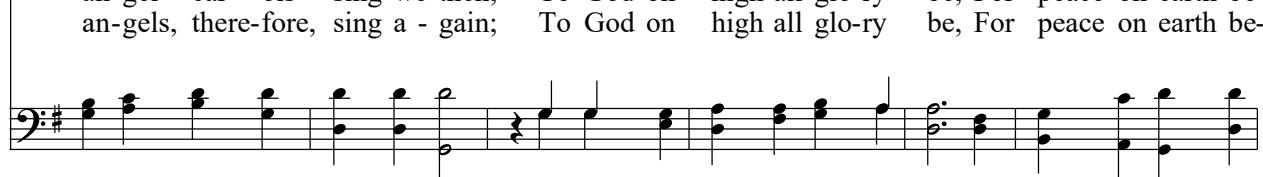


Yea, an - gels sang that God with us was born; And they made mirth be - cause we
Our curse He bore, that we es - cape it may; And wept for us that we might



should not mourn, And they made mirth be - cause we should not mourn. Their
sing for aye; And wept for us that we might sing for aye; With





- stow-eth He, And show-eth fa-vor un-to men.

