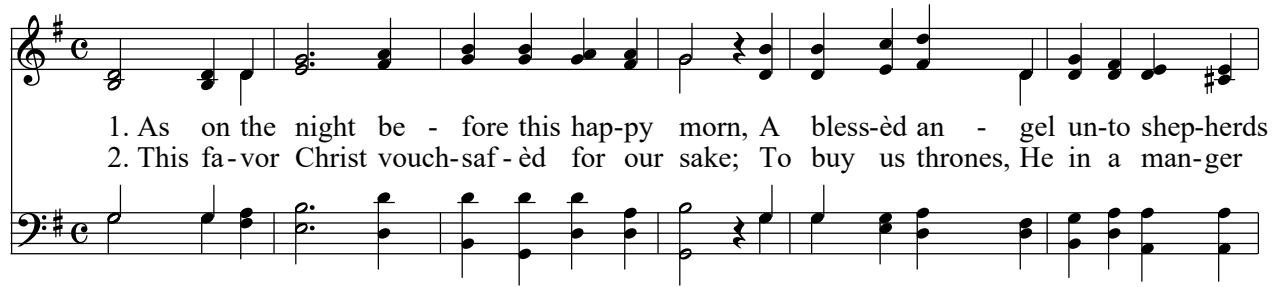


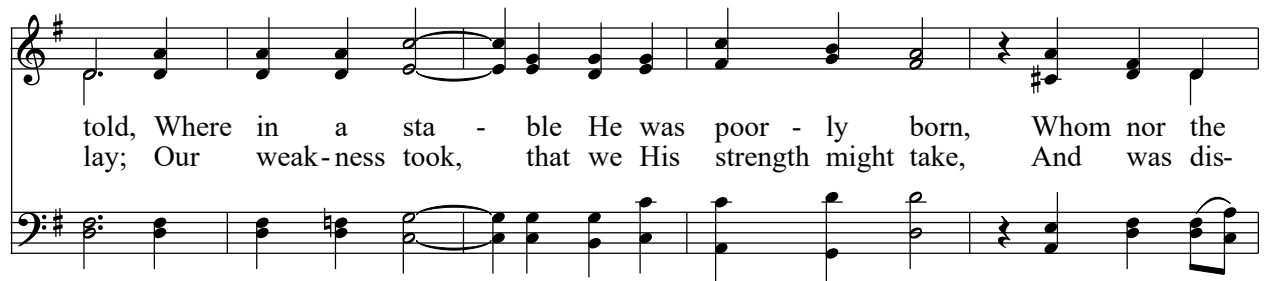
# As on the Night Before

George Wither, 1623

Orlando Gibbons & Herbert S. Irons



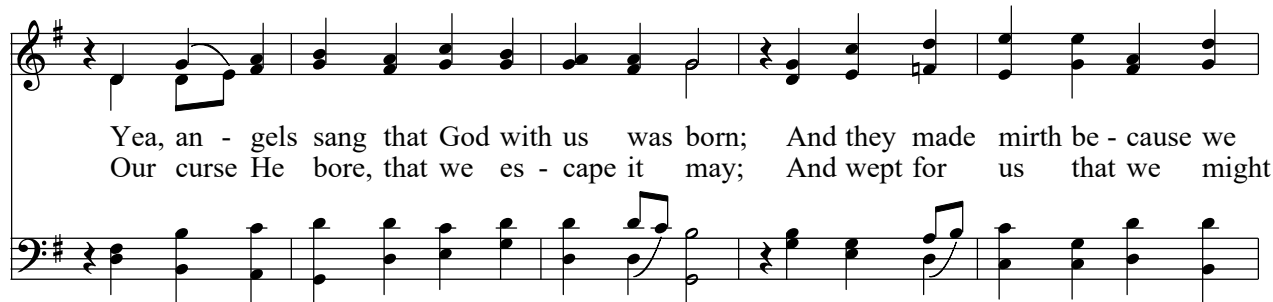
1. As on the night be - fore this hap - py morn, A bless - èd an - gel un - to shep - herds  
2. This fa - vor Christ vouch - saf - èd for our sake; To buy us thrones, He in a man - ger




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'ns 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;



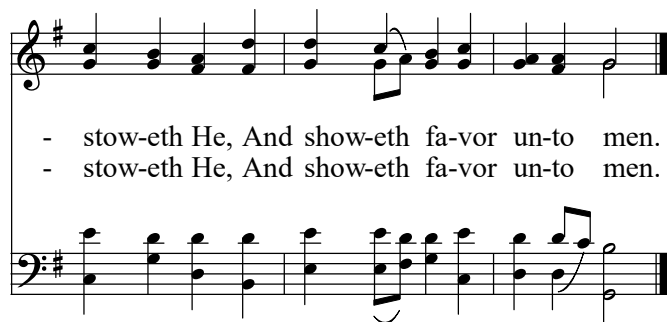
Yea, an - gels sang that God with us was born; And they made mirth be - cause we  
Our curse He bore, that we es - cape it may; And wept for us that we might



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



an-gel car - ols sing we then; To God on high all glo-ry be, For peace on earth be-  
 an-gels, there-fore, sing a - gain; To God on high all glo-ry be, For peace on earth be-



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