

How Blest Were They on Bethlehem's Plain

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1. How blest were they on Beth - lehem's plain, Be -neath the mid - night sky, Who
2. "Fear not, for on this ho - ly morn Good news to all I bring; In
3. Then sud - den - ly a heaven-ly band Join in the an - gel's song, While
4. And thus the joy - ful cho - rus ran— "Glo - ry to God be given!, For
5. Glad tid - ings! nor on Beth - lehem's plain A - lone that song was sweet; Lo!
6. And still to mil - lions yet un - born Shall sound from shore to shore The

heard the an - gel's joy - ful strain, Who heard the an - gel's
Beth - lehem's low - ly shrine is born, In Beth - lehem's low - ly
rock and hill through Ju - dah's land While rock and hill through
peace on earth, good - will to man, For peace on earth, good-
mil - lions hail with joy the strain, Lo! mil - lions hail with
song, which waked that ho - ly morn, The song, which waked that

joy - ful strain, And felt that Heaven was nigh, That Heaven was nigh.
shrine is born, Je - sus, the in - fant King, The in - fant King."

Ju - dah's land The notes of praise pro - long, Of praise pro - long.
will to man, De - scend to him from Heaven, To him from Heaven."

joy the strain, And seek the Sav - ior's feet, The Sav - ior's feet.
ho - ly morn, Till time shall be no more! Shall be no more!