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Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all,
rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of
Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her
new-born Son. . . . Let us enter; let us not be afraid.

—St. Alphonsus Liguori





Introduction

It's that wonderful time in the liturgical year again: the hopeful anticipation of Advent, followed by the mystical joy of the Christ Child's coming at Christmas.

May this collection of artwork, reflections, and hymns help prepare a place in your heart for Our Lord to dwell this holy season. Whether you sing these hymns as a family by your table or tree, with a group of carolers in neighborhoods or nursing homes, or with your parish as you prepare for and ponder the Incarnation together, let the words sink deep and your voice raise high as we share with our dark world the good news that Christ has come to save us.

I truly hope this book becomes a treasured resource for you! Know that you are in my prayers, this holy season and always.

Katie Warner

Angels We Have Heard on High



*Traditional French carol
English translation by
Bishop James Chadwick, 1862*

Can you imagine the scene? Angels blanketing the sky, their voices filling the air with praise and song. Creation itself—even the mountains—seems to burst with joy over the Savior's birth. Will you answer the invitation to "Come to Bethlehem, and see"? Join the shepherds in adoring the newborn Christ, here lying in a manger, and raise your voice with joy over the Incarnation: God has become man, and nothing will ever be the same.





1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ Whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;



And the moun - tains in re - ply E - cho - ing their joy - - ous strains.
 What the glad - some ti - dings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!



○ Away in a Manger ○



*Traditional English carol
James Murray, 1887*

Isn't God's humility astounding? The Lord of the whole universe lowered Himself, becoming a *baby*, born in meager conditions, and like us in all things except sin (see Heb 4:15). Don't just sing, but sincerely pray the words of the last stanza, asking for the Child Jesus to bless you this Christmas and to make your heart humble like His, fit for heaven.





1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -

Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes; I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
 ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear child - ren in

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky And stay by my cra - dle til morn - ing is nigh.
 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for Hea - ven to live with Thee there.

