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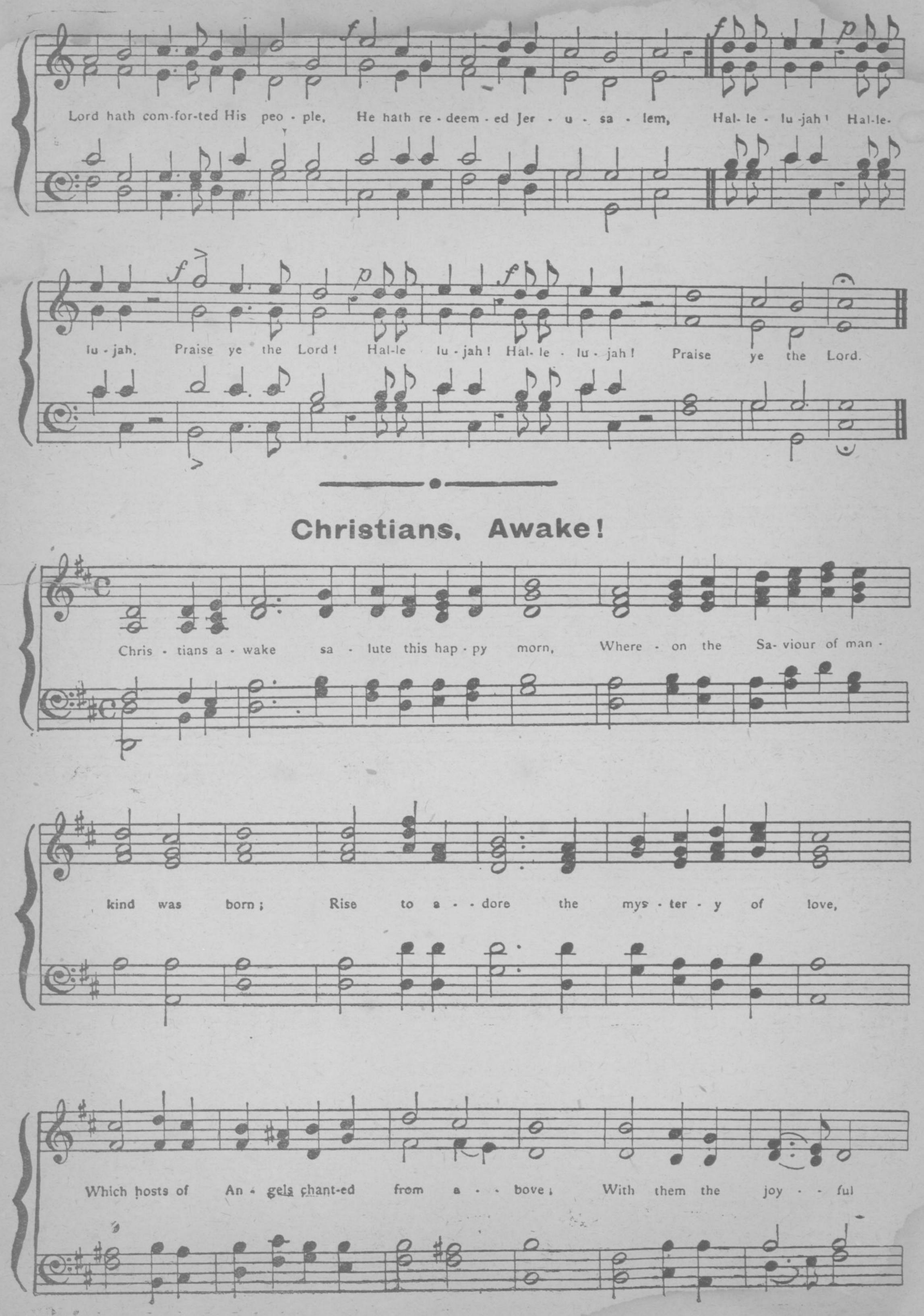
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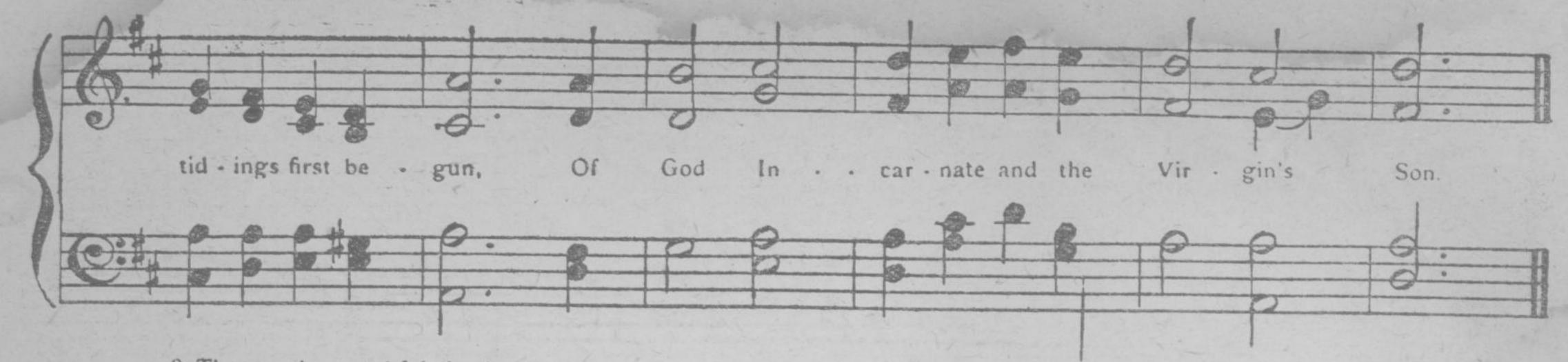
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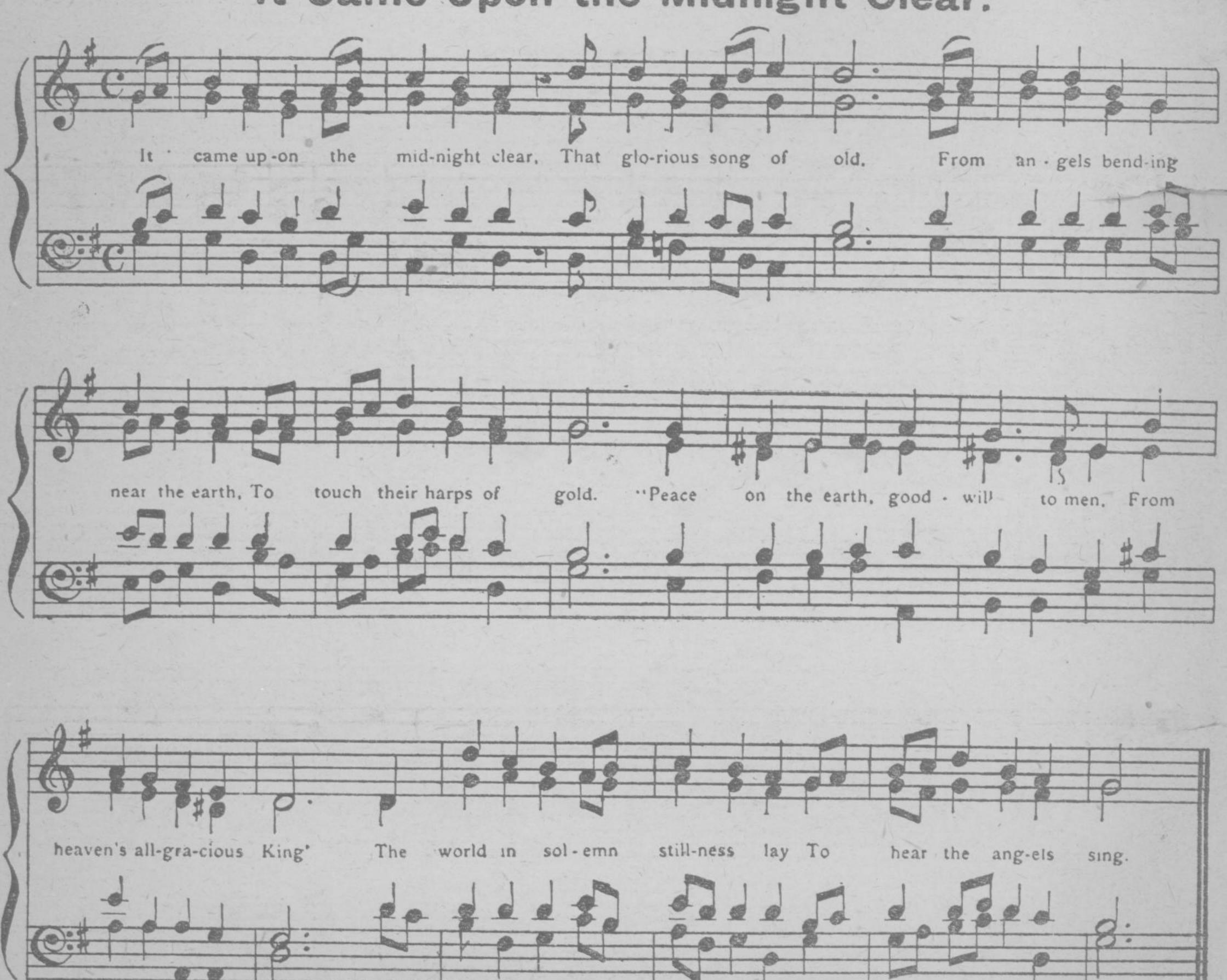






- 2 Then to the watchful shepherds it was told, Who heard the angelic herald's voice. "Behold! I bring glad tidings of a Saviour's birth, To you and all the nations upon earth: 'This day hath God fulfilled His promised word: This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord!"
- 3 To Bethlehem the enlightened shepherds ran,
 To see the wonder God had wrought for man;
 Then to their flocks, still praising God, return,
 And their glad hearts with holy rapture burn;
 To all the joyful tidings they proclaim—
 The first Apostles of the Saviour's name.
- 4 O may we keep and ponder in our mind God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind, Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss, From His poor manger to His bitter Cross, Tread in His steps assisted by His grace, Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.
- Then may we hope, the Angelic hosts among, To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphant song; He that was born upon this joyful day Around us all His glory shall display; Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing Eternal praise to heaven's Almighty King.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.



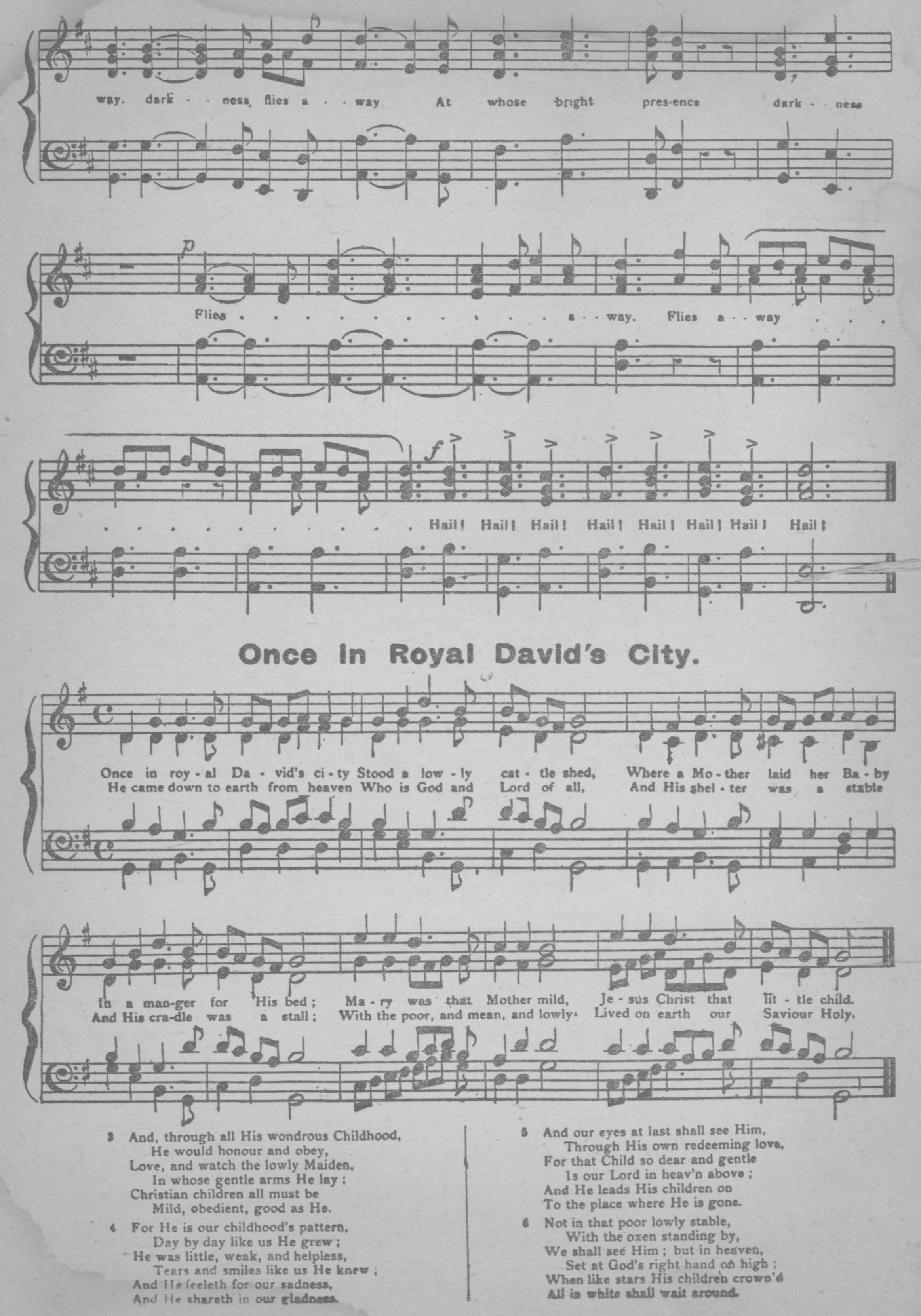
2 Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on heavenly wing,
And ever o'er its Babel-sounds

The blessed angels sing.

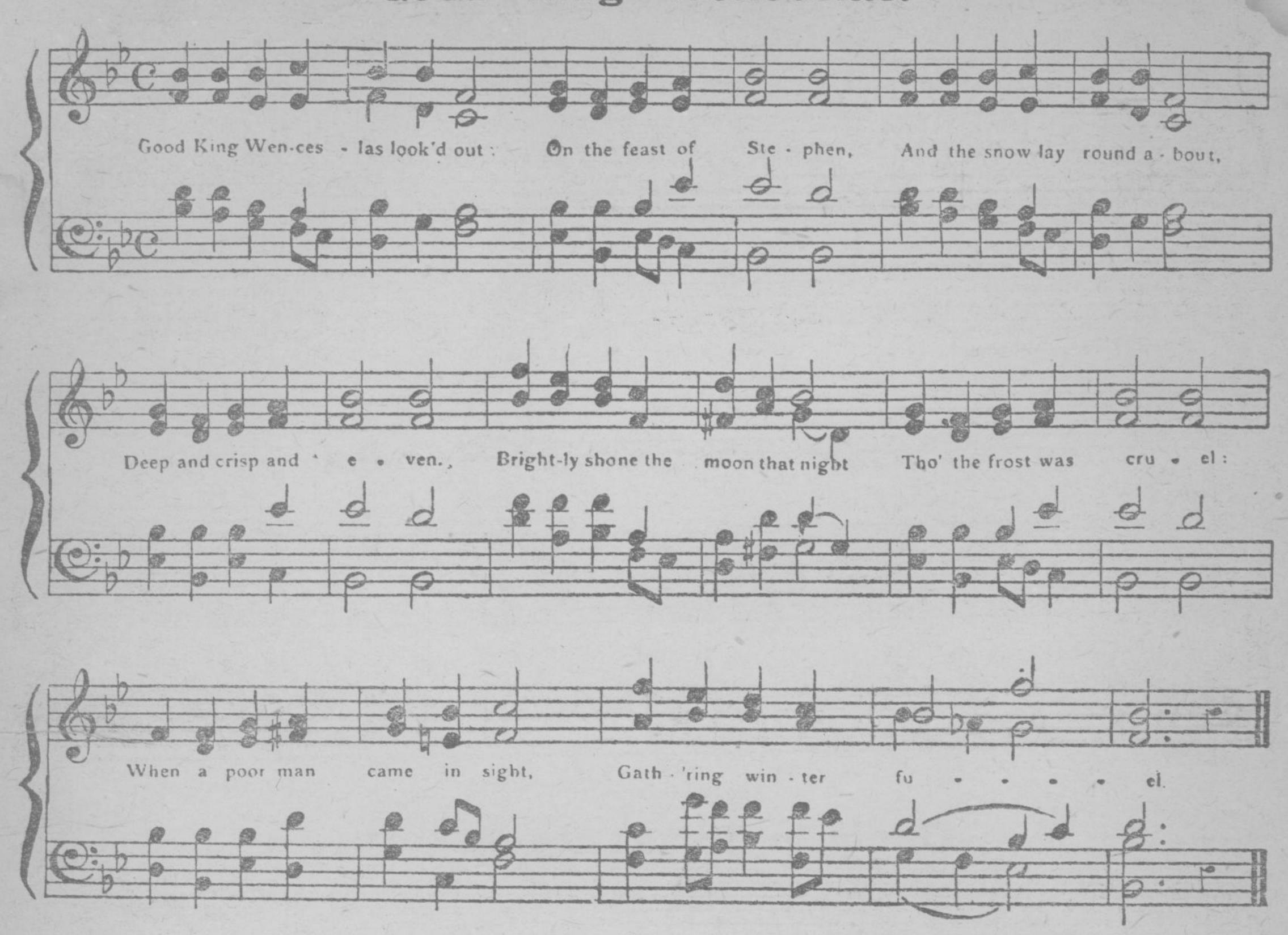
- 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
 The world has suffered long;
 Beneath the angel strain have rolled
 Two thousand years of wrong;
 And men, at war with men, hear not
 The words of peace they bring—
 Oh, listen now! ye men of strife,
 And hear the angels sing.
- This weary world below;
 Thou seest how men climb the way
 With painful steps and slow.
 Oh, still the jarring sounds of earth
 That round the pathway ring,
 And bid the toilers rest awhile
 To hear the angels sing.

Haill Smiling Morn.









Ist Singer-"Hither, page, come, stand by me,
If thou know'st it telling.

Yonder peasant, who is he?

Where and what his dwelling?

Down beneath the mountain:

Close against the forest fence.

By Saint Agnes' fountain!

Ist Singer—"Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I, we'll see him dine.
When we bear them thither."

Chorus-'Page and monarch, on they went,
On they went together:
Through the rude wind's wild lament,
Through the bitter weather,

And the storm grows wilder,
Fails my heart. I know not how,
I can go no longer."

It Singer-Mark my steps, be brave, my page:

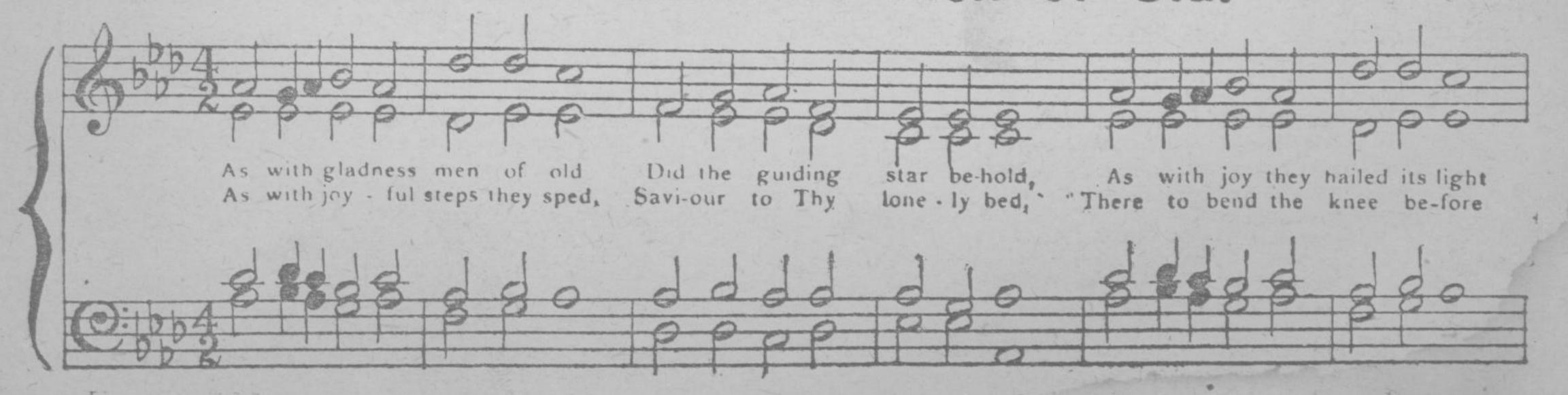
Tread thou in them boldly;

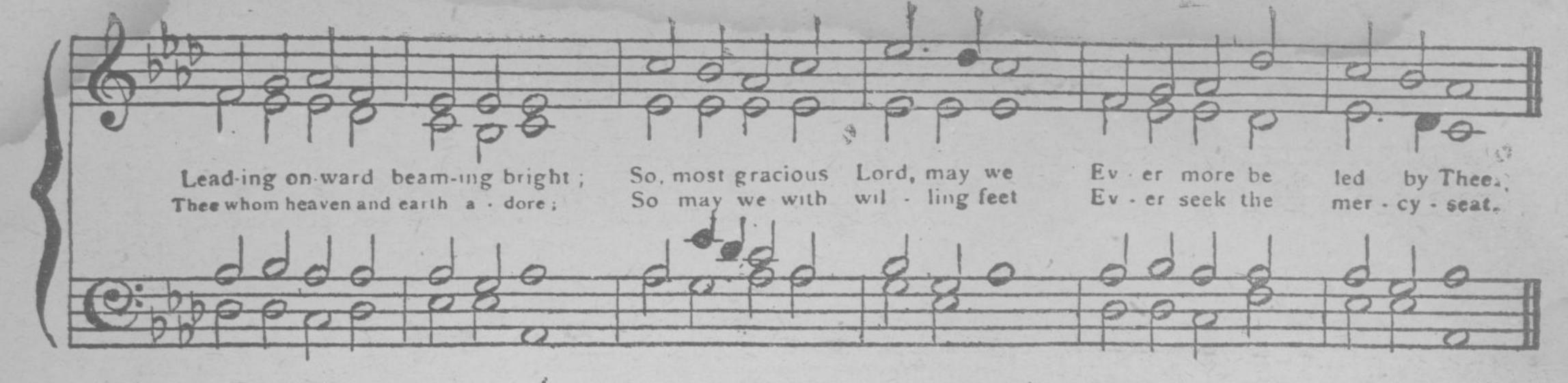
Then thou'lt find the winter's rage

Freeze thy blood less coldly."

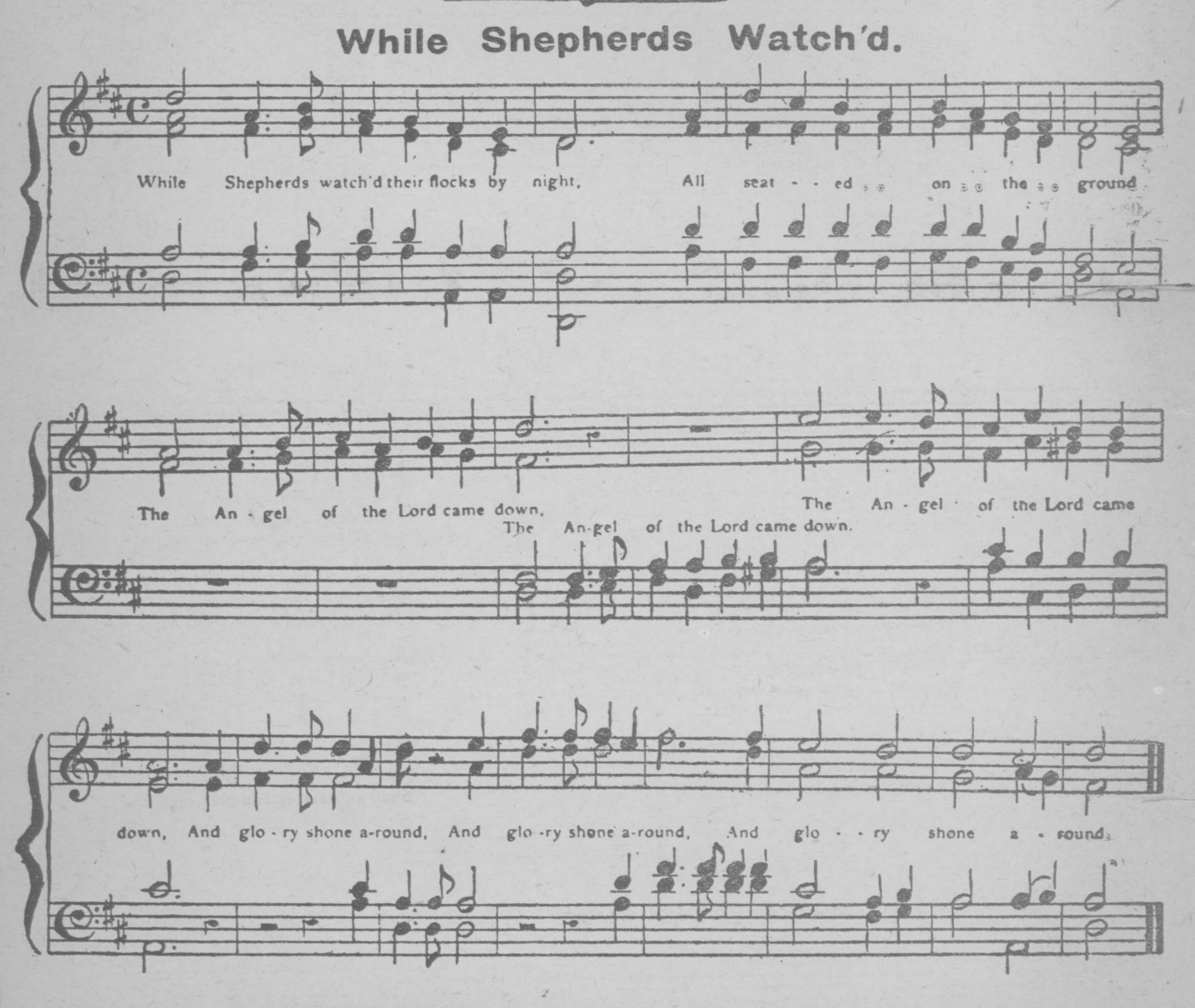
Chorus—In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted:
Heat was in the very sod
Which his foot had printed.
Therefore Christian men be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now do bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing

As with Gladness Men of Old.





- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
 At Thy cradle rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy
 Pure and free from sin's alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring.
 Christ to Thee our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, every day
 Keep us in the narrow way;
 And, when earthly things are past,
 Bring our ransomed souls at last
 Where they need no star to guide,
 Where no clouds Thy glory bide.
- Need they no created light;
 Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown.
 Thou its Sun which goes not down;
 There for ever may we sing
 Hallelujahs to our King.



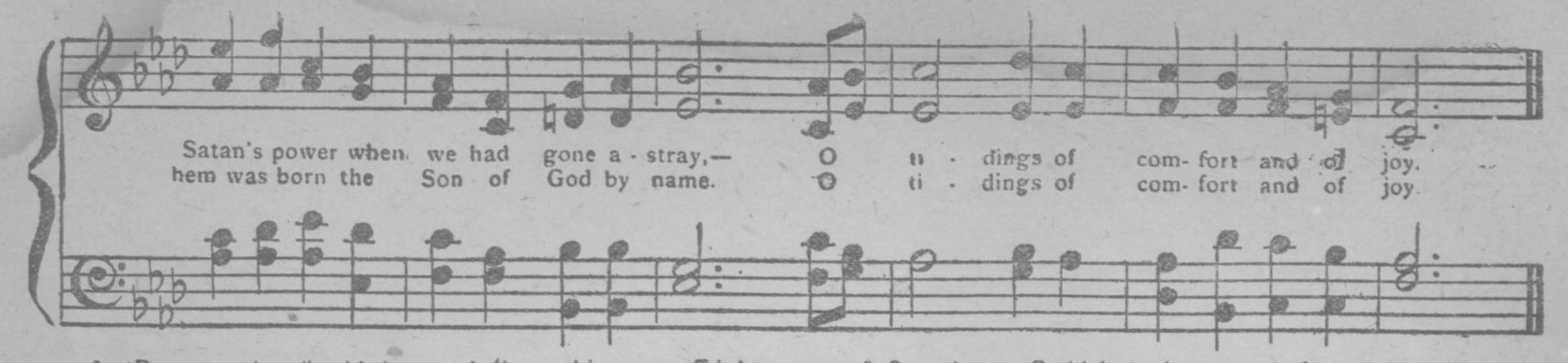
- S "Fear not," said he; for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind;
 - "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.
- 3 "To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line,
 - A Saviour who is Christ the Lord;
 And this shall be there sign—
- To human view displayed.

- All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid."
- 5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels praising God, who thus
 Addressed their joyful song—
- And on the earth be peace;

 Good-will henceforth from heaven to men

 Begin and never cease."





- 3 "Fear not then," said the angel, 'let nothing you affright;
 This day is born a Saviour, of virtue, power, and might,
 So frequently to vanquish all the friends of Satan quite."
 O tidings of comfort and of joy!
- And left their flocks a feeding, in tempest storm and wind,
 And went to Bethlehem straightway, the blessed Babe to find

 O tidings of comfort and of joy!
- But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay,
 They found Him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay:
 His mother, Mary, kneeling, unto the Lord did pray.

 O tidings of comfort and of joy
- 6. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
 And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
 This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.

 O tidings of comfort and of joy



Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!

Pleased as Man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel

Hark! the herald-angels sing, &c.

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His Wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,

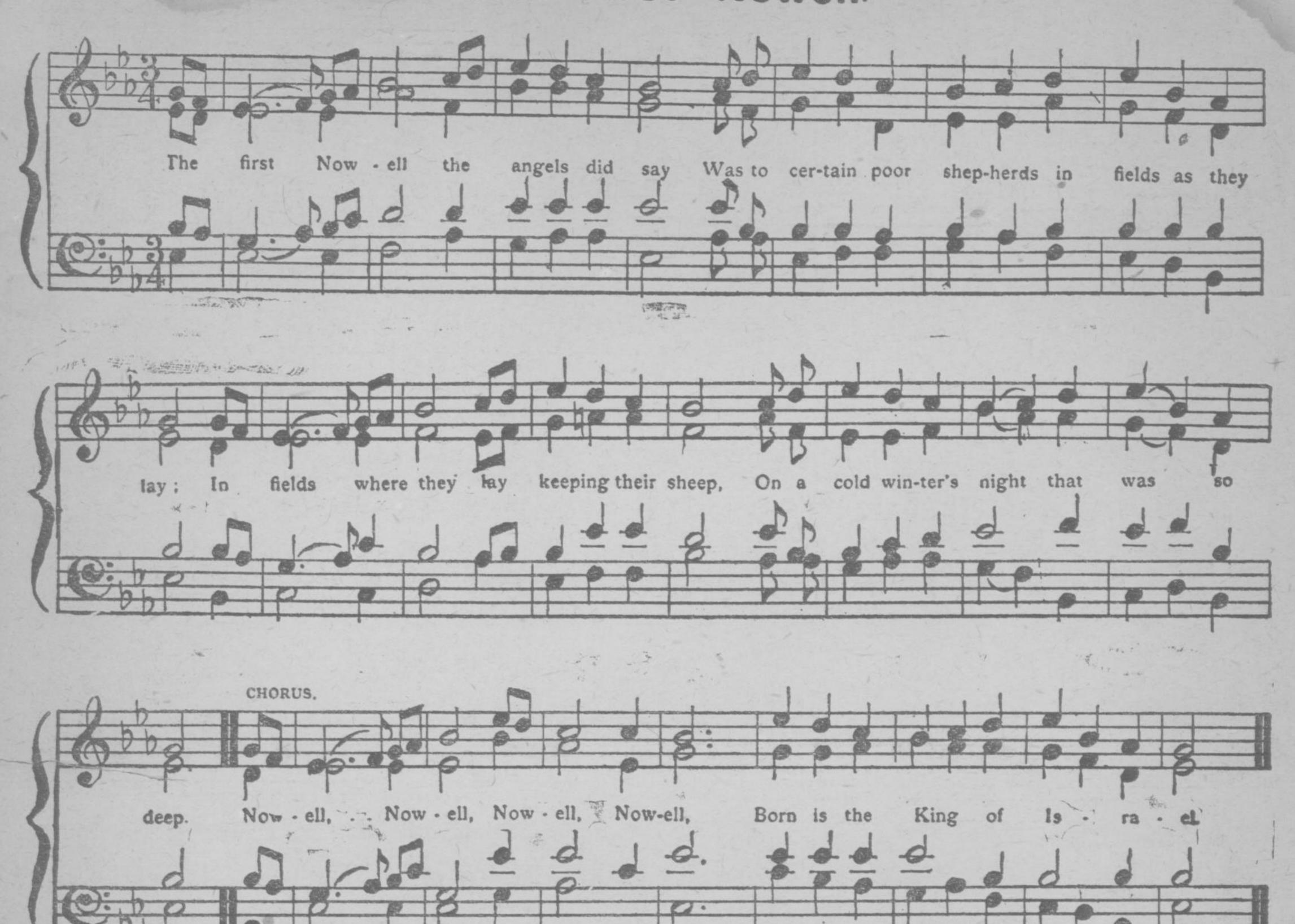
Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give them second birth.

Hark the herald-angels sing, &c.

The First Nowell.



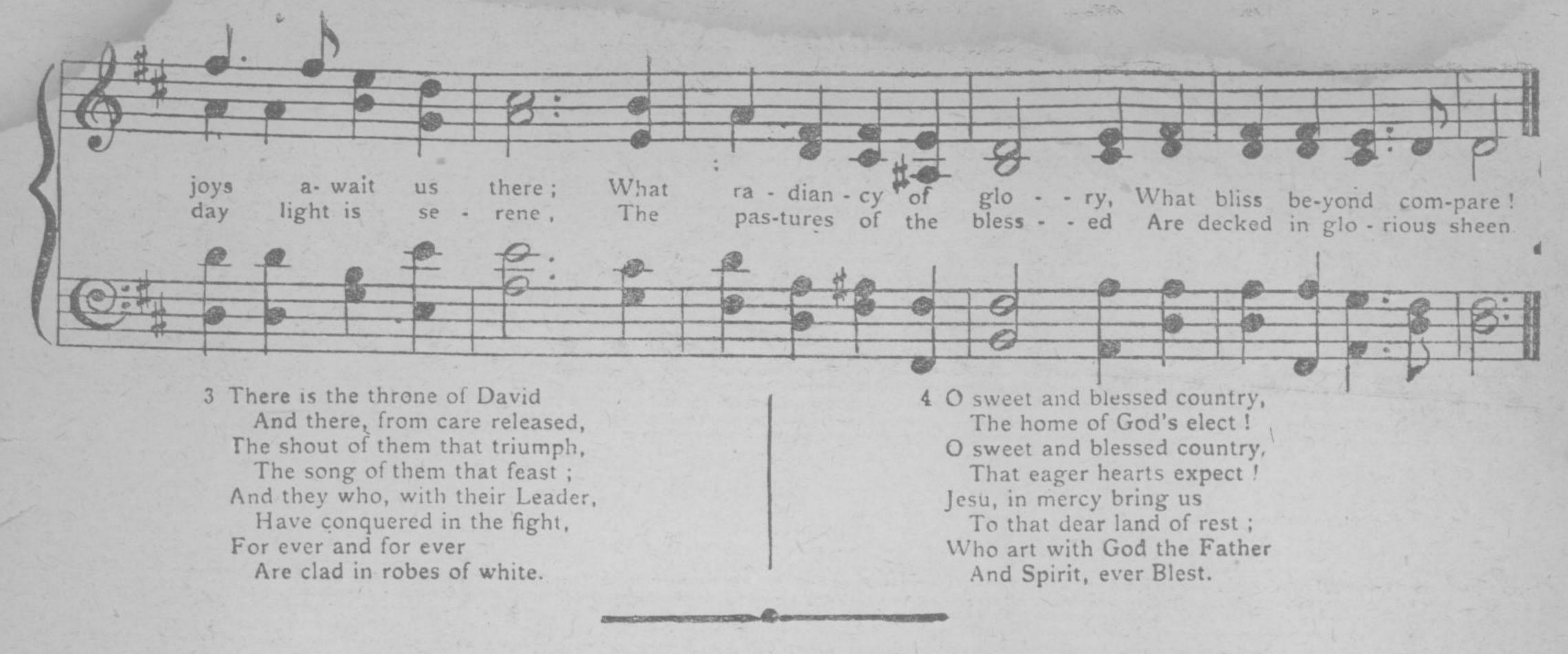
- They look'd above, and there saw a Star,
 As it shone in the East, but beyond them afar;
 And to the earth it gave forth great light,
 And continued so both day and night.—Nowell, etc.
- And by the light of that same bright Star,

 There was three Wise Men came from the East country far;

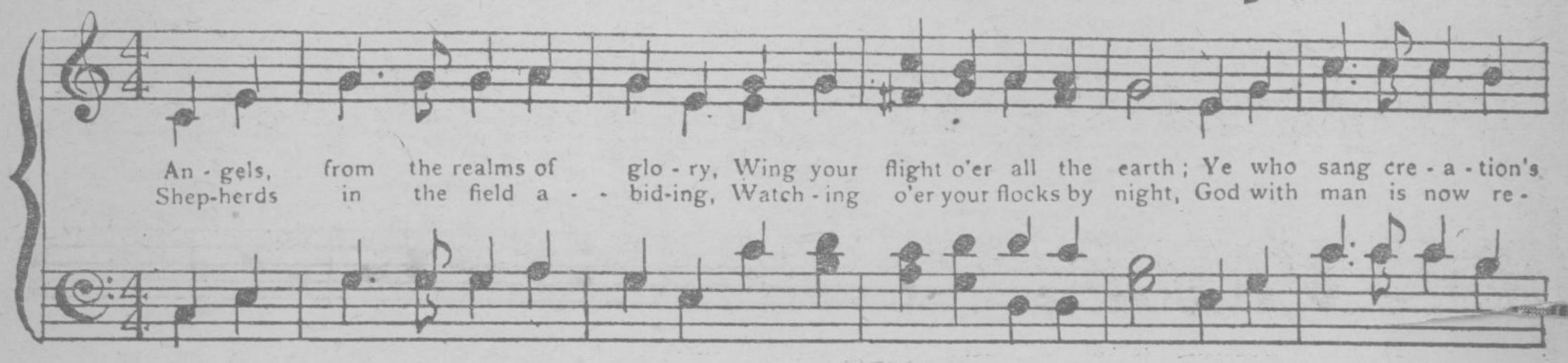
 To seek for a King was their intent,

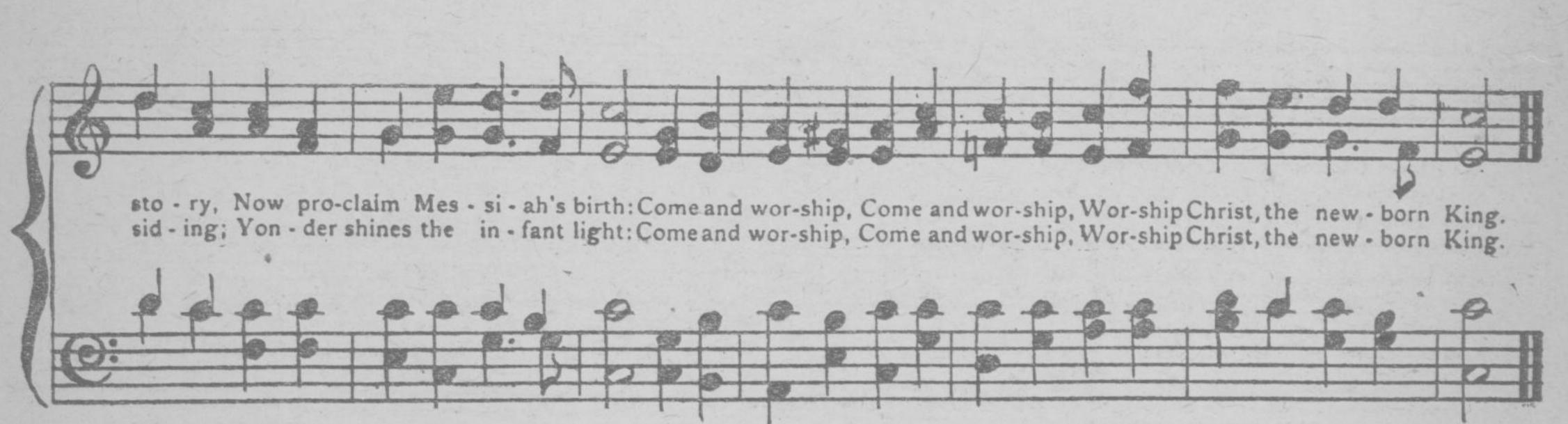
 And to follow the Star wherever it went.—Nowell, etc.
- 4 This star drew nigh unto the north-west,
 And over peaceful Bethlehem it took its rest,
 There it did shine, and there it did stay.
 Right over the place where the Saviour lay.—Nowell, etc,
- 5 Then entered in those Wise Men all three.
 Praying most reverently upon bended knee,
 Then offered there, in the Child's presence.
 Their gold, and their myrth, and their frankincense.—Nowell, etc.











- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star: Come and worship, &c.
- 4 Saints, before the altar bending
 Watching long with hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord descending,
 In His temple shall appear:
 Come and worship, &c.
- 5 Sinners, wrung with true repentance;
 Doomed for guilt to endless pains,
 Justice now revokes the sentence—
 Mercy calls you—break your chains;
 Come and worship, &c.

Nazereth.

