

**HARK! THE HERALD-ANGELS SING**

(words by **Charles Wesley** (1707-1788) and altered by others including George Whitefield)

Hark! the herald-angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.'  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!' <sup>1</sup>

**REFRAIN<sup>2</sup>:**

*Hark! the herald-angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."*

Christ by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with men appear<sup>3</sup>,  
Jesus! our Immanuel here<sup>4</sup>!

**REFRAIN**

Hail the heavenly<sup>5</sup> 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.

**REFRAIN**

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<sup>1</sup> In the original, verse 1 lines 1, 2, 7 and 8 read respectively as follows:

*'Hark, how all the welkin rings!'*

*'Glory to the King of kings,'*

*'Universal nature say:'* and

*'Christ the Lord is born today.'*

<sup>2</sup> There is no refrain in the original version by Charles Wesley.

<sup>3</sup> In most hymn books, the phrase *'to dwell'* is used instead of *'appear'* of the original in verse 2 line 7.

<sup>4</sup> In most hymn books, the word *'here'* of the original is omitted in the last line of verse 2.

<sup>5</sup> In most hymn books, *'heaven-born'* is used instead of *'heavenly'* of the original in verse 3 line 1.

Come, desire of nations<sup>6</sup>, come,  
Fix in us Thy humble home;  
Rise, the woman's conquering seed,  
Bruise in us the serpent's head.  
Now display Thy saving power,  
Ruined nature now restore,  
Now in mystic union join  
Thine to ours, and ours to Thine. <sup>7</sup>

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Adam's likeness, Lord, efface;  
Stamp Thy image in its place;  
Second Adam from above,  
Reinstate us in Thy love.  
Let us Thee, though lost, regain,  
Thee the life, the heavenly man;  
O! to all Thyself impart,  
Formed in each believing heart.

**REFRAIN**

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<sup>6</sup> It is probably from Haggai 2: 7 in the King James Version '... and the desire of all nations shall come ...'.

<sup>7</sup> In some hymn books, verses 4 and 5 of the original are omitted.