

# An angel spoke!

## **1. HE SHALL BE CALLED "MIGHTY!"**

NARRATOR

The prophets of old - told of a child  
a child who was coming to save!  
Isaiah was one - who told of the Son,  
the child who was coming to save!

ISAIAH

***He shall be called "Mighty!" He shall be called Wonder Counsellor  
He shall be called "Eternal Father - Prince of peace  
And he will bring justice. Yes, he will bring peace eternally  
For he is our Eternal Father - prince of Peace***

ISAIAH

The people who wander in darkness - will see a great light  
On people who live in the shadow lands - majestic light will shine

ALL

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ISAIAH

The goat shall lie down with the panther - the wolf with the lamb  
The infant will play by the vipers lair - but never come to harm

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ALL

A child will be born to the people - a son given us  
And he shall reign with integrity - and justice shall be ours

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## 2. MARY, DON'T BE AFRAID

NARRATOR

The centuries passed - until the time had come  
The people still longed - for the Promised One  
But it started with a girl - an innocent young girl  
Who was chosen to bear the Promised Son.

ANGEL GABRIEL

Mary - don't be afraid - The Lord has chosen you  
You will - soon bear him a son and he shall reign - yes he shall reign -  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

MARY

How can this be - I am not married - how can this possibly be?  
This can't be right - I am not married - how can this possibly be?

ANGEL GABRIEL

Mary - don't be afraid - the power of the Lord  
Makes the - impossible dream reality - reality -  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

MARY

What of my man? What about Joseph? What will he think of me now?  
How can this be? Will he still love me? What will he think of me now?  
But the Lord has chosen me - who am I to disagree  
I am his servant - Let it be done unto me!

ANGEL

Joseph - don't be afraid - But listen to me well  
Mary - is having a son - And he shall be - yes he shall be -  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

JOSEPH

How can this be - we are not married - how can this possibly be?  
This can't be right - I know she loves me - how can this possibly be?

ANGEL

Joseph - trust in your God For He has chosen you  
He is entrusting to you the child to be, the child to be  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

JOSEPH

What did I see? Was it a nightmare? Piercing my heart like a sword?  
Can it be true - Mary my angel - bearing a child from the Lord?  
If the Lord has chosen her - she will need someone to care  
I know I love her - I always want to be there.

DUET (MARY/JOSEPH)

Mary - Joseph - you won't believe what has happened to me  
An angel spoke - an angel spoke -  
Together we await the Son of God. (x2)

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## 3. BETHLEHEM

NARRATOR

The months went past and times were hard. They had to deal with sideways looks  
But then Augustus took a hand - deciding to update his books

The Emp'ror issued a decree - that every Jewish family  
Should go back to their ancient home - and Joseph was of David's tree

ALL

***Bethlehem! Bethlehem - the town of David - the house of Bread  
We've got to go to Bethlehem - we'd rather stay at home instead***

TRAVELLERS

We've got to go to Bethlehem - just what awaits us we don't know  
We've got to travel very far - the road is long, the journey slow.

We've got to go to Bethlehem - the Romans need to get the facts  
And when they've counted all of us - that's when they'll make us pay more tax!

ALL

***Bethlehem! Bethlehem - the town of David - the house of Bread  
We've got to go to Bethlehem - we'd rather stay at home instead***

TRAVELLERS

We've got to go to Bethlehem - so they can count us just like goats  
It isn't right we should complain - they'll count us all - but not our votes

We've got to go to Bethlehem - the Empire's no democracy  
We'd like to see the Emperor - jump in the Sea of Galilee

ALL

***Bethlehem! Bethlehem - the town of David - the house of Bread  
We've got to go to Bethlehem - we'd rather stay at home instead***

JOSEPH/MARY

And when we get to Bethlehem - we've got to rest our weary heads  
We've got to find a place to stay - we've got to find ourselves a bed!  
We've got to find ourselves a bed!  
A warm inviting comfy bed!

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## 4. BEN

TRAVELLERS

Any room at the inn (x10)

VARIOUS INNKEEPERS

No room for anyone (x8)

MORE INNKEEPERS

Go away - we're full (x6)

MORE TRAVELLORS (including Mary and Joseph)

Can you help us - please help us! (x4)

MIRIAM (*THE WIFE OF BEN - AN INNKEEPER*)

Ben, she's just a child herself - and soon to be a mother too

If you don't agree to help her - you will have to pay the price  
For I don't think you can live without my cooking so think twice  
If you don't agree to help her - you might end up quite forlorn  
As your right to hugs and kisses will quite quickly be withdrawn

Ben, she's travelled very far - and needs to find some shelter soon

If you still refuse to help her - you will find that I can fight  
If you think that that's a threat then my dear husband you'd be right  
If you still refuse to help her - you could ruin many lives  
And you'll find that I can mix it with the best of nagging wives!

Ben, she's just a girl like ours - she needs to rest and have some food

If you still refuse to help her - I will place a little bet  
That its one of those decisions that dear husband you'll regret!  
Oh I know you going to help her - that you'll do it just for me  
And who knows, one day your kindness might go down in history!

BEN (*AN INNKEEPER AND THE LONG SUFFERING HUSBAND OF MIRIAM!*)

Sir, we haven't got a room but we've a stable you can use

It's not wonderful but maybe - it'll keep you from the wet  
And I see in your position it's the best you're going to get!  
So get comfy in the stable - it might even stop her moan  
I can see you've got your problems - but I've problems of my own!

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## 5. GLORIA

NARRATOR

So the Son of God was born, meanwhile on the hills outside  
Shepherds watched their flocks until the glory of the Lord shone round!

ANGELS

***Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!***

ANGEL(S)

Shepherds - don't be afraid - we bring news of joy  
In Bethlehem - this night of nights - is born a baby boy

ALL

***Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!***

ANGEL(S)

In a manger he lies - Saviour, humbly born  
And soon the sun will rise to mark - a great new era's dawn

ALL

***Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!***

ANGEL(S)

Go now - look for the child - He will be your king -  
And he will bring rejoicing through the centuries so sing.....

ALL

***Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
In excelsis Deo! In excelsis Deo!***

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## **6. IS THIS THE CHILD?**

JOSEPH

Is this the Child, the one we have been waiting for,  
there in a manger - wrapped in cloth?

Is this the King, the son of God - Emmanuel? Is this the Promised One?

MIRIAM

Is this the Child, the one to save all Israel,  
there in a manger - wrapped in cloth?

Is such a child, so beautiful and innocent, is he the Promised One?

MARY

But when I look I do not see a King at all,  
there in a manger, he's my son.

I see a child, dependent on a mother's love. He is the Promised One.

INSTRUMENTAL VERSE

ALL

This is the Child, the one on which our future rests,  
there in a manger - wrapped in cloth!

This is our King, the one the angels sang about.

He is the Promised One! (x3)

DUET (MARY/JOSEPH)

Mary - Joseph - you won't believe what has happened to me

An angel spoke - an angel spoke -

Together we must raise the Son of God (x2)

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## **7. LET'S REJOICE! LET'S CELEBRATE!**

ALL

*Let's rejoice - let's celebrate - the Son of God is born  
Let's rejoice - let's celebrate - the great new era's dawn  
And all the things the world has known will change once and for all  
Let's rejoice - let's celebrate - the Son of God is born!*

ISAIAH

Born in humble poverty, soon a refugee.  
Born to end injustice - born to save.

ALL :

*Now is the time to remember this child! So, let's rejoice! Let's celebrate!  
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MARY

Born to change this world of ours, born to be Good News.  
Born to bring a new command of love.

ALL :

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NARRATOR

Born to make the sacrifice, born to save us all.  
Born to suffer death but rise again

ALL :

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Let's rejoice - let's celebrate - the Son of God is born!  
The Son of God, the Son of God, the Son of God is born!*