

# God Came Near

## The Miracle and Majesty of Christmas

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### OVERTURE

#### ADVENT CELEBRATION

For to us a Child is born;  
Unto us a Son is given.  
He will rule over all the earth.  
His dominion will never end.  
He's the Wonderful Counselor.  
He's the Everlasting Father.  
He's the strong and Mighty God.  
He's the Prince of Peace forever.  
Nations gaze and see the Light;  
Marvel at His brightness dawning.  
Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
"Christ is King and Lord of lords."

Sing for joy! The time is near;  
Christ will dwell among us.  
Soon the Savior will appear,  
Bringing peace and justice.  
Son of God and Son of Man,  
hope of ev'ry nation.  
Part of God's eternal plan,  
Bringing us salvation.

Rise and shine! Your light has come.  
Welcome now His glory.  
Sin and guilt are overcome;  
God's redemption story.  
God with us, Emmanuel,  
Prophecy fulfilling.  
He the darkness will dispel.  
See His brightness blazing.

Honor, blessing, glory, praise be to God, the Father.  
Lift your hearts, and voices raise. Magnify the Savior.  
He shall reign from shore to shore. Glory hallelujah!  
Christ is King forevermore. Glory hallelujah!  
He shall reign forever and ever! Hallelujah!

## NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

Kathy Ochenrider, Soloist

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord my God.  
My spirit soars; I magnify His name.  
God looked upon my lowliness with favor.  
All generations now will call me blessed.  
The Mighty One has done amazing things for me,  
And in return, I praise His holy name.  
His mercy reaches out to those who truly honor Him.  
His faithfulness remains from age to age the same.

## ON THIS HOLY NIGHT

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining.  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.  
Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round you virgin mother and Child!  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## THE NIGHT WAS ORDINARY NO MORE

On this night, my heart rejoices, Glory, glory to God!  
Far and near, I hear angelic voices, Glory, glory to God!  
"Christ is born!" the choir is singing, "Glory, glory to God!"  
Love and peace to all the world He's bringing, Glory to God!

God, the Father, showed His favor. Glory, glory to God!  
He sent Jesus Christ to be our Savior. Glory to God!  
He will change the world forever. Glory to God!  
Light has dawned, and darkness now is over. Glory to God!  
All on earth and heav'n adore Him. Glory to God!  
Great and small now humbly bow before Him.  
Glory, glory to God!  
Come and banish all your sadness. Glory to God!  
Celebrate His birth with song of gladness.  
Glory, glory to God!

## A CHILD AND YET A KING

O come to the manger and gratefully bring  
Your praise and your worship to Jesus, the King.  
Bow humbly before Him, your Redeemer and friend,  
Who brings you salvation and love without end.  
Give glory to God in the highest; while angels above anthems raise.  
Rejoice in the birth of the Savior. Adore Him, and render Him praise.

## MAGI FROM THE EAST

O'er mountains and valleys, it led them each night,  
A star of most radiant light.  
The wise men rejoiced as they journeyed afar  
To behold such a beautiful star!

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great joy!  
They rejoiced with exceeding great joy!

Others saw the star, but they followed it not.  
To them it would come and would pass.  
The wise men kept trusting with all of their hearts  
That the star would find the Baby at last.  
When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great joy!  
They rejoiced with exceeding great joy!

## THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Casey Barritt, Soloist

What can I bring Him, poor as I am!  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring Him a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
Yet, what can I give Him! Give Him my heart.

## LIGHT AND LIFE

Paris Fulbright, Soloist

I have seen the Light shining in the darkness,  
Bursting through the shadows, delivering the dawn.  
I have seen the Light whose holy name is Jesus.  
His kingdom is forever. He reigns on heaven's throne.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to give us second birth, born to rule both heav'n and earth.  
He shall reign forevermore: King of kings and Lord of lords.

All creation joins to say, "Christ the Lord is born today."  
Trumpets sound and anthems raise; joined in wonder, love and praise.  
Stars that have no voice to sing; shining bright, their homage bring.  
Born to give us second birth, born to rule both heav'n and hearth,  
He shall reign forevermore: King of kings and Lord of lords.  
Alleluia!