

Christmas Nativity Pageant

*Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*3. No more will sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He'll come and make the blessings flow
Far as the curse was found,
Far as the curse was found,
Far as, far as the curse was found.*

*4. Rejoice, rejoice in the most high,
While Israel spreads abroad
Like stars that glitter in the sky,
And ever worship God,
And ever worship God,
And ever, and ever worship God.*

Narrator 1 Christmastime is a glorious season. It is a time when hearts are softened and voices are raised in song and worship. We see acts of kindness happening all around us. It is a time when love is extended through acts of service and the giving of gifts.

Narrator 2 But consider the reason for this season. It was “the great love of our Heavenly Father ... the incomprehensible depth of that love that found expression in the gift of His Only Begotten Son ... to come into the world to bring hope into our hearts, to bring kindness and courtesy into our relationships, and above all to save us from our sins and guide us on the way that leads to eternal life.”
(Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Dec. 2000)

Song - “O Come All Ye Faithful” -

*1. O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him born the King of angels.
Oh come let us adore Him, Oh come let us adore Him,
Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*2. Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God! Glory in the highest
Oh come let us adore Him, Oh come let us adore Him,
Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

3. *Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.*

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing;

Oh come let us adore Him, Oh come let us adore Him,

Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Narrator 3 **(Roman Prefect making Decree)** And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. **(Mary and Joseph and donkey travel and pay taxes)** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Narrator 4 **(Mary and Joseph and donkey go to stable, midwife places baby in manger)** And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

Song “Silent Night”

*Silent night, holy night
All is calm. All is bright
‘Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mil,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

spirit children, was able to maintain that total purity throughout his earthly life.

Narrator 3 Only He, the Sinless One, could make the Atonement possible.

Narrator 4 Only He, Son of the Living God, had the power to offer himself as a sacrifice, to satisfy the demands of justice and to provide the resurrection and opportunity of eternal life for man.

Narrator 5 In John 11: 25-26, the Lord said: “I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

Narrator 1 He did for us what none of us could do for ourselves... Our joy at this season is because He came into the world.

Song “Joy to the World”

*1. Joy to the world the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room;
And Saints and angels sing,
And Saints and angels sing,
And Saints, and Saints and angels sing.*

*2. Rejoice, rejoice when Jesus reigns,
And Saints their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,*

(ALL) CHORUS: *O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to they perfect Light.*

(Wise Man 1) *2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again.
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.*

(Wise Man 2) *3. Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high.*

(Wise Man 3) *4. Myrrh is mine a bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.*

(ALL) CHORUS

*5. Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Heaven to earth replies:*

CHORUS

Narrator 1 These earthly treasures were gifts fit for a king, and yet they had symbolism for the great mission and sacrifice that Christ would make for us.

Narrator 2 Jesus Christ, the holy babe of Bethlehem, was born as any other babe, pure, whole, and innocent. But only He, of all of the Father's

*2. Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savoir is born.
Christ the Savior is born.*

*3. 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,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

Narrator 5 **(Shepherds, sheep and Angel)** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Narrator 1 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Narrator 2 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Song ***“Angels We Have Heard on High”***

1. *Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plain
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

2. *Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
That inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

3. *Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Narrator 3 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see that which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.”

(Shepherds and sheep go to stable)

Song ***“Away in a Manger”***

1. *Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.*

*The stars in the heavens looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

2. *The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

3. *Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

Narrator 4 **(Star appears, Wise Men)** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there [later] came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

Narrator 5 **(Wise Men travel to kneel before family)** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Song ***“We Three Kings”***

(ALL) 1. *We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.*