

The Angel Gabriel

Tune: Gabriel's message

Lyrics: tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

*Tune: Traditional Basque tune,
arr. Kim Tame*

Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould was a prominent collector of folk music, as well as a prolific writer of hymns, poems and novels. His best known hymn is probably 'Onward Christian Soldiers'.

He translated this lovely carol from Basque.

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Version: Lead sheet - melody with chord symbols.

Difficulty: Easy

Arrangement: Kim Tame

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a 9/8 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1-4 with lyrics: 'an - gel Gab - ri - el from hea - ven came; His wings as drift - ed snow, his'. The second staff contains measures 5-7 with lyrics: 'eyes as flame. "All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry; Most'. The third staff contains measures 8-10 with lyrics: 'high - ly fav - oured la - dy, Glo - ri - a. a.'. Chords are indicated above the notes: E7, Am, E7, Am, Dm, E7, Am, E7, Am, Em, Am, C, Dm, D7, G, Dm, E7, f, Dm, Am, Em, Am, Am.

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,*

*Chorus:
Most highly favoured lady,
gloria!"*

*"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,*

Chorus

*Then gently Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."*

Chorus

*Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:*

Chorus