

Angels from the realms of glory

Tune: Iris

Lyrics: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Tune: Traditional French

James Montgomery was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, the son of missionaries. He spent most of his working life as a journalist and editor; he moved to Sheffield, England, and in 1794, took charge of local newspaper 'The Sheffield Iris.'

Montgomery is best known for his hymns and poems, especially this popular carol; but in his day he was also associated with social reform movements, such as campaigns to end slavery and prevent children from working as chimney sweeps. His outspoken views led to two prison sentences.

This carol can also be sung to the tune 'Kensington New' - also available at The Sheet Music Stack.



Version: Lead sheet (melody and chords) with lyrics

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Musical score for 'Angels from the realms of glory' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: 'An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth. Ye who sang cre - a - tion's story Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth. Come and wor - ship; Wor - ship Christ the King! new - born King.'

2. *Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.*

Chorus

3. *Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear.*

Chorus

4. *Saints and angels join in praising
Thee, the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore their voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.*

Chorus

*Come and worship;
Come and worship;
Worship Christ the King,
Come and worship;
Come and worship;
Worship Christ the new-born King!*