

Morning Star

A photograph of a starry night sky. A bright, white star is the central focus, surrounded by a dense field of smaller, fainter stars. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a darker, almost black at the bottom. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of trees are visible, with a warm, orange glow emanating from the bottom center, suggesting a fire or a low sun.

A musical for Advent

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Advent

Advent is a journey. Where will it take us and where will it end.

On the way we may visit places we did not expect. We may see things we never saw before. Our heads might be swimming with questions and the answers might seem hard to fathom.

We may see a star in the sky that lights our way and it might lead us to a tree. If we are lucky we will find the morning star and know there are precious gifts waiting for us at the journey's end.

The birth of Jesus foretold

An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" – which means, "God with us."

Emmanuel - Matthew 1 v 18-23

Emmanuel heaven come down to earth
God with us, with his children now
Emmanuel heaven come down to earth
Come to save his people from their sins
Born to save us, from the grave to raise us
A sign through time for all the world to see

Emmanuel heaven come down to earth

Emmanuel

♩ = 112

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Am Em C B⁷ F⁷ E⁷ Am

man - u - el hea - ven come down to earth,

Am Em⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷

God with us, with his child - ren now.

Am Em⁷ Am F E

man - u - el hea - ven come down to earth

Am Em⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷

Come to save his peo - ple from their sins.

Am E⁷ Am E⁷

Born to save us, from the grave to raise us

Am E⁷ Am Dm⁷ E

a sign through time for all the world to see.

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The journey

Matthew 2 v 1-2

Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

The journey

As I travel on life's winding road
Where it takes me I don't really know
Questions now just fill my mind
Answers seem so very hard to find

Will I meet a sinner or a sage
Will I find a castle or a cage
Turning back won't help me now
I need help to get me there somehow

Can it be I see the journey's end
Just a stable full of new found friends
Now I feel peace in my soul
I can rest I feel like I'm at home

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INTRO: one verse

Gm

1. As I tra - vel on life's wind - ing road
 2. Will I meet a sin - ner or a sage
 3. Can it be I see the jour - ney's end

F F^{sus}4 F Gm

Where it takes me I don't real - ly know
 Will I find a cast - le or a cage
 Just a sta - ble full of new - found friends

F F^{sus}4 F Gm C

Quest - - ions now
 Turn - - ing back
 Now I feel

B^b Dm F Gm C

just fill my mind
 won't help me now,
 peace in my soul

Ans - wers seem
 I need help
 I can rest

B^b Dm C *vv 1,2* C B^b C

so ve - ry hard to find
 to get me there some - how
 I feel like I've come home

B^b C B^b *rall.* C B^b C B^b C

A star is seen in the sky

Matthew 2 v 1-2

The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh

Morning Star

In the sky a brilliant star
Seems to call me from afar
My eyes are drawn to its piercing beam
And nothing now is as it seems

Son of the dawn you call to me
At the turn of history
You shine your light upon my road
And now I see the way to go

Morning star you herald the dawn
The day when God as man is born
You point the way for all to come
And bow before His Son

In my heart the star will rise
As the dawn lights up the skies
Your morning light now shines within
My heart is full and I must sing

Morning star you herald the dawn
The day when God as man is born
You point the way for all to come
And bow before His Son, bow before his Son

Morning star

A A B A B

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Verse 1, verse 2, chorus, verse 3, chorus, coda

Gm D7/A E♭maj7/B♭ D7sus4/A

A Gm F C B♭

1. In the sky a brilliant star Seems to call me from a - far My
 2. Son of the dawn you call to me At the turn of his - to - ry You
 3. In my heart the star will rise As the dawn lights up the skies Your

Gm F C Dm

eyes are drawn to its pierc - ing beam And no - thing now is as it seems
 shine your light u - pon my road And now I see the way to go
 morn - ing light now shines with - in My heart is full and I must sing

C Dm **B** F C

CHORUS: Morn - ing star you he - rald the dawn The

B♭/F Gm Dm/A F C

day when God as man is born You point the way for all to come And

B♭ F Gm Dm Gm *last time to Code* B♭ F Gm Dm Gm

bow be - fore His Son

CODA B♭ F Gm Dm Gm B♭ F Gm Dm Gm

bow be - fore His Son

Gm D7/A E♭maj7/B♭ D7sus4/A Gm

The angels sing glory to God

Luke 2 v 8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

Glory to God

Glory to God on high hear the angels worship cry
Glory to the saviour king
Glory to God on high let your worship fill the sky
Lift your voice and make the heavens ring

Glory to God, high in heaven above
Lift your voice, give him praise, born the King of love
Glory to God, high in heaven above
Lift your voice, give him praise, born the King of love

Glory to God

♩ = 125

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Dsus² Gmaj⁷ Dmaj⁷ A⁷sus⁴

D Bm Em G Em G

Glo - ry to God on high, hear the an - gels' wor - ship cry

Bm⁷ Asus⁴

Glo - ry to the Sav - iour King

D Bm Em G Em G

Glo - ry to God on high, let your wor - ship fill the sky

Bm Asus⁴

Glo - ry to the sav - iour King.

Bm A G D A

Glo - ry to Go - d high in hea - ven a - bove.

Bm A G D A

Lift your voice, give him praise, born the King of love

D.C. al Coda

Coda Dsus² Gmaj⁷ Dmaj⁷ A⁷sus⁴

Dsus² Gmaj⁷ Dmaj⁷ A⁷sus⁴ D

Jesus is born

As day breaks

As day breaks anew, there is good news for you
Let dawn's early light banish your night

Lift your tired eyes, joy fills the skies Jesus is born
Hear the angels sing, as now they bring peace to mankind

Hope is given today; love now and always
Let all of your fear now disappear

Lift your tired eyes, joy fills the skies Jesus is born
Hear the angels sing, as now they bring peace to mankind
Peace to mankind

Revelation 22 v 16

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

2 Peter 1 v 17-19

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Glory to God (reprise)

As day breaks

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E F#m E Bsus⁴ E C#m⁷ F#m⁷ Bsus⁴

E F#m B

1. As day breaks a - new There is good news for -
 2. Hope is gi - ven to - day Love now and al -

E C#m A E C#m

- you Let dawn's ear - ly light ba - nish your
 - ways Let all of your fear now dis - a -

F#m Bsus⁴ E

night
 ppear 1&2 Lift your tir - ed

A E Bsus⁴

eyes, joy fills the skies, Je - sus is born.

E A E

Hear the an - gels sing as now they bring peace to man -

Bsus⁴ 1. E F#m E Bsus⁴

kind.

2. B E B C#m⁷ A E²

Peace to man - kind.