

# God from on high has heard

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St. Cecilia,  
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**God from on high hath heard;  
Let sighs and sorrows cease;  
Lo! from the opening Heav'n descends  
To man the promised Peace.**

**Hark! through the silent night  
Angelic voices swell;  
Their joyful songs proclaim that "God  
Is born on earth to dwell."**

**See how the shepherd band  
Speed on with eager feet;  
Come to the hallowed cave with them  
The Holy Babe to greet.**

**Art Thou the Christ? the Son?  
The Father's image bright?  
And see we Him Whose arm upholds  
Earth and the starry height?**

**Yea, faith can pierce the cloud  
Which veils Thy glory now;  
We hail Thee, God, before Whose throne  
The angels prostrate bow.**

**Our sinful pride to cure  
With that pure love of Thine,  
O be Thou born within our hearts,  
Most Holy Child divine.**

Charles Coffin