

What tidings bringest thou, messenger?

Fifteenth-century English carol,
harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)

What tid - ings bring - est thou, mes - sen

ger, Of Christ - ës birth this

jol - ly day.

1. A Babe is
2. A won - drous
3. That seem - eth
4. That love - li -

1. born of high na - ture, The
 2. thing doth now be - fall, That
 3. strange to us to see, This
 4. est gan greet her Child "Hail!"

1. Prince of Peace that ev - er shall be
 2. King that form - ed star and sun,
 3. berd that hath this Babe y - born,
 4. Son! hail! Bro - ther! Hail! Fa - ther dear!"

1. Of heaven and earth he hath the
 2. Heav - en and earth and an - gels
 3. And Lord con - ceived of high de -
 4. "Hail! Daugh-ter!" he saith, "Hail! Mo - ther

1. cure; His Lord - ship is e -
 2. all, Now in man - kind is
 3. gree, A maid - en is and
 4. mild!" This hail - ing was on

1. ter - ni - ty. Such won - drous
 2. new be - gun; Such won - drous
 3. was be - forn. Such won - drous
 4. quaint man - ner. Such won - drous

1. ti - dings ye may hear, That
 2. ti - dings ye may hear, An
 3. ti - dings ye may hear, That
 4. ti - dings ye may hear, That

1. man is made now God - dës
 2. In - fant of a sin - gle
 3. maid and mo - ther are one in
 4. hail - ing was of so good

1. peer, Whom sin had
 2. year, That hath been
 3. fere, And she a
 4. cheer, That man - nës

1. made but fiend - es prey.
 2. ev-er and shall be for aye.
 3. la - dy of great ar-ray
 4. pain is turned to play.