

# When gentle night bedews the earth

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1. When gen - tle night be - dew's the earth, And shep herds watch on Beth-lem's  
2. "To you," he says, "who, pa - tient, watch The low - ly off - spring of the  
3. "To show, that kings and chiefs must bow With mean - est man - hood, at that  
4. Fit pre - lude this to high - er strain; The host of hea - ven joins the

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1. plain, An an - gel comes, to tell the birth, And glo - ry of a Mon - arch's  
2. fold, Whose cease-less cares through noon - day reach, And mid - night vig - ils du - ly  
3. throne Whose sway su - preme both high and low, In com - mon loy - al - ty must  
4. lay. He who o'er shep - herds owns his reign Is meet to hold a bound-less

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1. reign. Say, why to them, an hum - ble crew, Of poor and ig - nor - ant. He  
2. hold; To you, the hum - blest of the race, -- To you I tell a Sa - viour's  
3. own. To you a Sa - viour born, to all A Sa - viour e - qual - ly must  
4. sway. Then, "Peace on earth," the he - ralds sing, "Good - will to men," breaks forth the

1. comes? Why does he not his flight pur - sue, To tell his tale in roy - al homes?  
 2. birth, Be-cause he comes whose match-less grace Can reach the low - est of the earth.  
 3. prove; For gifts that to the low - est fall, Best show a u - ni - ver - sal love.  
 4. song; He comes who does sal - va - tion bring To all earth's woe and all men's wrong.